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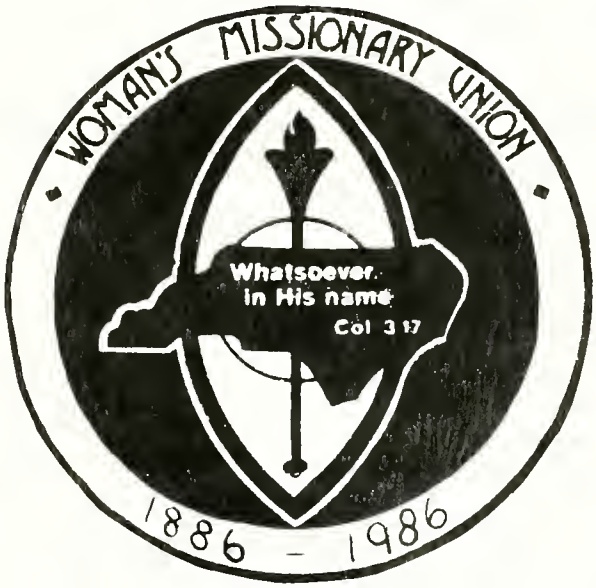

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Harriet Shermer
WMU Director of Yadkin Baptist
Association

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Union Grove Schoolhouse

We are most grateful to Mr. Fred Hobson (Superintendent of Yadkin County Schools, 32 years) for providing the picture of the Union Grove Schoolhouse where the W.M.U. of the Yadkin Baptist Association was organized. When he was 6 years old, Mr. Hobson attended the Yadkin Baptist Association at Union Grove Baptist Church that Saturday the ladies met. He stated that his father, Mr. A. B. Hobson, was the church clerk and his father went to the train to meet two of the speakers. One was a Rev. Bradshaw but he does not recall the other person's name. He also recalls someone introducing a "young preacher boy" in patched pants. That young man was Dr. Olin T. Binkley who was later Mr. Hobson's pastor when he lived in Chapel Hill.

WMU Directors
Yad' Baptist Association

Miss Della Woodhouse
1913 - 1929

WMU Directors
Yadkin Baptist Association

Mrs. W. D. Martin
1929 - 1931

Mrs. D. H. Craver
1931 - 1944

Mrs. L. H. Todd
1945 - 1946

Mrs. W. E. Brooks
1947 - 1968

WMU Directors
Yadkin Baptist Association

Mrs. H. B. Shore
1969 - 1971

Mrs. Charlie Gough
1972 - 1973

Mrs. James Byrd
1974 - 1975

Mrs. Page Shermer
1975 - 1985

History of Woman's Missionary Union
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1912-1985
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1912 "The beginning of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Yadkin Baptist Association, may be said to be made at the Union Grove Baptist Church, at the Association of 1912. It was in the school house there on Saturday of the Association that Mrs. B.K. Mason called a number of the women together and planned for the organization of the W.M.S. and Sunbeam Band during the past year. The present meeting is the outcome of her efforts. The Brethern would not allow them to meet in a church for approximately a year. We think it due Mrs. Mason to say it is largely through her zeal and efforts that we have made so much progress during the past year."[1]

1913 The first Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Society of the Yadkin Baptist Association met at Boonville Baptist Church, July 12 and 13,1913. The first meeting was opened at 10:30, Saturday morning with singing, "Stand up for Jesus" followed by reading the tenth chapter of Romans by Miss Della Woodhouse. Prayer was by Rev. G.F. Hoye. The address of welcome was made by Miss. Ruth Fleming with response by Miss. Maude Davis.

There were reported six Woman's Missionary Societies.:
Boonville organized August 16, 1912, 13 members
Charity organized May 13, 1913, 5 members
East Bend organized June 15, 1913, 8 members
Flat Rock organized February 13, 1913, 13 members
Forbush organized October 13, 1913, 14 members
Enon organized June 13, 1913, 18 members
Enon organized Y.W.A. June 13, 1913, 18 members

Sunbeams:
Boonville organized September 11, 1913, 40 members
Charity organized May 13, 1913, 23 members
Enon organized June 13, 1913, 15 members
Forbush organized June 9, 1913, 35 members

Gifts to Missions:
State Missions $7.50
Foreign Missions $37.50
Home Missions $17.00
General Fund $4.00

Mrs. B.K. Mason, Portsmouth, Virginia, made an address on "Beginnings" as the Annual Address. The following reports were given: Miss Bessie Woodhouse, Literature, Miss Irma Woodhouse,Iraining School; Mrs. V.A. Martin, Home Missions; and Miss. Della Arnold, Foreign Missions. The Associational Constitution was read by Miss. Daisy Shermer.

Saturday evening at eight o'clock the Sunbeam Band of Boonville Baptist Church rendered an interesting program to a large audience. A collection of $4.75 was taken.

On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Rev. V.M. Swaim, pastor of Boonville Baptist Church preached an interesting Missionary Sermon. Rev. C.J. Johnson, Foreign Mission Board, was guest speaker. Mrs. J.W. Bunn, Raleigh, State YWA Leader spoke.

Sunday afternoon the Society was called to order by Miss. Woodhouse. Miss. Blanche Barrus read the devotion.

The following officers were elected:
Miss. Della Woodhouse, Associational Vice-President
Mrs. V.A. Martin, Vice-President
Miss. Daisy Shermer, Secretary

The Associational Woman's Missionary Union was duly organized.

[1]Minutes of Yadkin Baptist Association, 1913

1913 Report nf recommendations with an earnest desire to do greater things for the Master and lonking for guidance and strength for the tasks were recommended:

1. That each society strive to grow spiritually by daily reading of the Bible and prayer for the work.
2. That each W.M.S. be responsible for the organization and growth of a Sunbeam Society.
3. That 1913 be a year of organization of W.M.U., Y.W.A., and Sunbeam.
4. That each Society contribute to each meeting for missions, and that W.M.S. envelopes be used for all special collections, and quarterly reports be sent to Mrs. W.N. Jones in Raleigh, N.C.
5. That the Association take its monied aim $200.00 for the year 1913.

The officers who were elected guided the work for many years. The beginning was hard but God blessed the harvest.

1914 The Woman's Missionary Union Meeting was held with East Bend Church July 17-19, 1914. On Friday evening, eight o'clock an excellent program was rendered by the Sunbeam Band of East Bend. At ten o'clock Saturday morning, July 18, was npened the meeting by singing "Rescue the Pershing," the devotional exercise was conducted by Mrs. B.K. Mason of Portsmouth, Va. From the scripture lesson she drew a beautiful lesson of service, Luke 8:1-3, Luke 10:38-42. The address of welcome was given by Miss.Ina Martin. The annual address by Vice President, Miss Della Woodhouse was timely and helpful. The follnwing talks were then enjoyed by the Association: "Woman's Work in the Church", Mrs. V.A. Martin, "The Training School", Miss. Della Arnold, "The Possibilites of the Yadkin Association," Mrs. W.D. Martin.

Mrs. J.W. Bunn, Raleigh spoke on "Your Mission," Mrs. B.K. Mason gave a demonstration of Sunbeam work, beginning with the Sunbeam song by the Children. A model program for a Sunbeam meeting was outlined on the blackboard and explained. Mrs. J.W. Bunn brought the noon time devotinns. An inspiring sermon was brought by Rev. J.W. Bryant, Elkin. Just after the sermon, Mrs. Bunn held a meeting with the young people, and organized a Y.W.A. with Miss. Ethel Davis, president.

Rev. C.J. Johnson of the Foreign Mission Board preached a most helpful and timely sermon, on Saturday night. On Sunday morning he brought a sermon on "Giving and World Wide Missions." A collection of $9.40 was taken for expense funds. MissBlanche Barrus State Secretary of North Carolina, W.M.U., spoke at length of the Union Organization nf Societies, the importance of reading the Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field and the Royal Service.

Report of Recommendations:

"Deeply feeling our dependence upon God for the many blessings bestowed upnn us in the past year, and realizing through faith in Him all things attempted in His name are possible, we would recommend

1. That we strive to grow spiritually by prayer and daily reading of the Bible.
2. That 1914 be another year of organization of W.M.S., Y.W.A. and Sunbeams.
3. That we read with care the Bibical recorder and our Mission Periodicals, that we may be intellegently informed of the missionary movements of the world.
4. That we contribute regularly to the different objects and send quarterly reports to Mrs. W.N. Jones, Raleigh.
5. That we take for our monied aim for the coming year, $150.00."

The collection was $9.40

Respectively submitted

Miss. Della Arnold

Mrs. V.A. Martin

Mrs. Bet Martin

1914 Woman's Missionary Society

Boonville- members 20, offering $19.50
East Bend- members 12, offering 34.40
Flat Rock- members 20, offering 1.70
Forbush- members 15, offering 34.00
Richmond Hill,organized April 12, 1914 with 24 members

Sunbeams

Boonville- members 25, offering $11.50
Charity- no report
Enon- no report
East Bend- members 35, offering 5.00
Forbush- members 40, offering 18.00
Huntsville, organized May 30, 1914 with 9 members

Y.W.A.

Enon- no report
East Bend- organized July 18, 1914

1915 The W.M.S. Annual Meeting met with Forbush Baptist Church July 24-25,1915. Rev. J.N. Brink preached the sermon. The work was growing in the Association and churches were sucessful in their work. There were approximately 200 members.

1916 Flat Rock Baptist Church was host to the Annual Meeting July 28-30,1916. Owing to rain and bad roads from recents floods it was impossible for leaders to reach Flat Rock before noon on Saturday. Mrs. J.J. Rodick from Pilot Mountain Association spoke interestlingly on "Back to Calvary." A goal was set for $150.00 for 1917. Gifts were $123.60. Yadkinville, Bethel and Friendship Baptist Churches organized a WMU in 1916.

1917 The Annual Meeting met with Enon Baptist Church July 7th and 8th, 1917. Rev. J.W. Bryant stirred our hearts with a great sermon from Isaiah 6-8.

Miss. Cora Caudle, a yadkin girl who studied at the Training School, the past year, told us of that institution and something of its wonderful work.

Miss. Beulah Martin read an interesting paper on "Ideals for Our Association" showing that we have much for which to labor. Mrs. Roddrick melted our hearts and made us feel the necessity of a closer relationship with God at this trying time, when the clouds of sorrow not only hang over us but heavily on our nation and the world. Mrs. H.L. Davis emphasized the need of our interest in "The Church Building and Loan Fund."

We are grateful for the presence and encouragement of the pastor of Enon Baptist Church. We cordially invite each church to send representives (even if they have no organization) to the meeting at Yadkinville on Saturday the fourth Sunday of next July. Total gifts were $150.10.

1918 The 5th annual meeting was the most succesful in the history of the Yadkin Association at Yadkinville Church, July 27, 1918. Each year has shown an increased interest in the work for which we are grateful and encouraged. Again we ask the sympathy and cooperation of our pastors and brethern. Let us realize that never in the history of the world has the need for christian service been so great when we must trust absolutely in God and unhesitately devote our means and time to His services. May the time speedly come when the women and children of The Yadkin Association shall each be inlisted in His service through W.M.U. In our Yadkin Training School a young woman has completed her course and is now ready to engage in some form of mission work. Can we not make it possible for her to remain in our association?

How to reach unlisted women of our churches and make W.M.S. work stronger was a highlight by Mrs. J.J. Roddick of Winston and Mrs. J.W. Bunn, Raleigh. Gifts were $171.91.

1919 Boonville Baptist Church was host for the 6th annual meeting July 26,1919. Mrs. J.J. Roddick was speaker, commenting on Romans 12. Mrs B.K. Mason spoke on our "Seasons of Prayer."

1919 Miss. Cora Caudle spoke on the importance of "Training for Service." Though we may render to God acceptable service in a small way, to do the greater and more complete service we must train ourselves by prayer, study and consecration. Miss Caudle told of her intended work in Africa, for which she will leave in September. Shall we not follow her with our prayers for which she so earnestly requested and with our means. Gifts reported were $257.05.

1920 The Annual Meeting was held at East Bend Church, July 17, 1920. Mrs. E.W. Turner read Psalms 100. Rev. C.H. Johnson talked about "The Evils of Today." Rev. C.H. Myers brought the missionary message, "She Hath Done what She Could." Total gifts were $423.28.

1921 July 30, 1921, Enon Baptist Church was host to the 8th annual meeting. A very interesting program was planned and presented. Rev. T.C. Keaton preached a heart warming sermon, "The Church Behind The Preacher." There were ten churches working with women and young people through missionary organization with 144 in membership and $157.19 gifts..

"Our churches being widely seperated and the work not familar to our women of the various churches, we realize the growth must naturally be slow, but we believe God is blessing the work we are trying to do for him. A live W.M.S. in a church is a Training School for that church in Bible Study, Mission Study, Prayer, Gifts and Personal Service. They are our fundamentals. It took William Carey and a Missionary Society to arouse the church to its duty of sending the gospel at all the nations after hundreds of years of indifference to the great comission of our Lord. This began our Missionary movement, so since that time many a Baptist Church has been awakened. We want the sympathy, prayers and cooperation of all the pastors, laymen and good women of our association that our work may be extened, that every woman in every church may find her place to work for the Master and serve Him acceptably."

The growth of W.M.S. in the Association organized 9 years ago has been slow but we hope these have been years of seed-sowing and that in the years to come will reap a harvest that will bring glory and honor to our Master's name, "stated Miss. Woodhouse."

1922 Jonesville Baptist Church was host for the 9th annual meeting June 14, 1922. Rev. Walter N. Johnson spoke on "Stewardship and Christian Education." The Jonesville Sunbeams gave a very interesting program. Gifts this year were $722.12.

The following were elected officers. Miss Della Woodhouse, Supt. Boonville, Mrs. W.D. Martin, Assistant Supt., Yadkinville, Mrs. S.J. Honeycutt, Secretary, East Bend.

1923 The 10th annual meeting was held at Booneville Baptist Church June 12, 1923. Mrs. S.J. Honeycutt gave an interesting talk on the R.A. work and their personal work among the poor in their community. The Baptist Hospital was discussed by Mrs. J.J. Roddick. She told us that there were 2 ward beds that had not been taken. Flat Rock Society volunteered to give one and ladies from other churches agreed to give the other one. Each bed cost $125.00. Gifts were $722.88.

"We have every reason for gratitude to God for blessings that have crowned the past year's work. Besides the increasing interest shown by our women and children, the much needed cooperation of our pastors and brothers is evident. We pray that this may continue until this means of Bible and Missinn Study, prayer, giving and personal service and knowledge of our possibilities will will rapidly grow and be felt in every church in this association."

We must uphold Miss. Caudle by our prayers and gifts while she represents us on a foreign field, stated Miss. Woodhouse.

1924 On June 7, 1924, Flat Rock was host to the 11th annual meeting. Rev. E.W. Turner made and enthusiastic talk stating that he found his work much easier in churches where there were Missionary Societies. He said he believed a "great blessing" would come out of the Yadkin Association when a W.M.S. was organized in every church in the association.

Mrs. Mason expressed her gratitude that the 12 years of seed sowing were beginning to bring forth harvest. She urged that we be zealous and steadfast in the work. Contributions were $892.14

1924 Miss. Woodhouse gave a very timely talk on "Standing In Our Own Way." "If we fail to inform ourselves as to what our association is doing by reading the minutes, finding the weak points and help to strengthen them, by keeping in touch with the work of our denomination through the pages of the Bibical Recorder, by earnest prayerful study of the work and need of our missionaries through our missionary papers and books. Are we not standing in our own way?" An interesting missionary program was beautifully rendered by the Sunbeams and young people of Flat Rock Church.

1925 June 5, 1925, the 12th annual meeting was held at Yadkinville Baptist Church. Mrs. D.H. Craver led the devotion. Mrs. S.F. Cooper was guest speaker. She told of the work and progress of W.M.U. in Nigeria, Africa. Gifts were $422.85.

Miss. Mary Warren brought a very good talk on "Mission Study, The Key That Unlocked The Mind." She suggested reading "All the World, In All The World." Stewardship and Missions, W.M.U. Manual and the Royal Service were mentioned. She told us in her effective way how much it helps to pray, and if we fail to put into expression our impressions we are sure to have depressions.

Miss. Woodhouse stated that, "our goal is to enlist, for the Master's Glory all of our women, young people and children in the association. We feel that the fires kindled by our motto, " I can do all things through Christ, which strengthenth me" will continue to burn and though visible progress be slow, we will press forward, not in our own strength, but in His, and that when the years have passed we shall be able to say with the Psalmist, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised."

1926 Sandy Springs was host at the 13th annual meeting, June 5, 1926. Miss. Edna Harris, Secretary and Field Worker and Mrs. K.O. Stukenbrok was guest speaker. Mrs. Paul Price Davis made a very eloquent speech on B.Y.P.U. Gifts were $571.24.

Mrs. Harris our State Officer brought a splendid and helpful message on "Just Go A Little Further" telling us of the Savior as He went into the garden to pray. He said to his disciples, "Tarry ye here and watch with me," and he went a little further. We should not become discouraged in our undertakings, but just go a little further with our duties and responsibilites, our joys, life, faith, speaking, singing, love, and our gifts.

The young people's hour was made very interesting by talks from Professor L.J. Honeycutt, principal of Mt. View Institute and Rev. K.D. Stukenbrok on the institution and many ways in which we can help maintain it. "Stewardship Of Our Young People," by Mrs. Stukenbrok, was indeed one of the most interesting features of the meeting.

1927 The 14th annual meeting was held at Jonesville Church, June 23, 1927. Mrs. D.H. Craver presented Miss. Woodhouse with a W.M.U. pin in appreciation of her faithful service for the past 16 years. Mrs. Craver was elected as Assistant Superintendent. Gifts were $790.83.

Those elected as officers were:
Superintendent- Miss. Oella Woodhouse, Boonville
Assistant Superintendent- Mrs. O.H. Craver, Boonville
Secretary and Treasurer- Mrs. B.F. Gough, Yadkinville
Young People's Leader- Miss. Mary Spear, Boonville
Personal Service, Mrs. T.S. Crutchfield

1928 The 15th annual meeting met with Boonville Church June 8, 1928. Devotion was lead by Mrs. E.W. Turner. Mrs. O.H. Craver made a splendid talk on "To Obey Is Better Than Sacrifice." Mrs. Edna Harris of Raleigh made an interesting address "Ribbond of Blue," Numbers 15:30. A very impressive memorial service was held for Miss. Oella Woodhouse for Superintendent, lead by Mrs. B.W. Mason. Mrs. Mason gave a brief history of the W.M.U. in the Association and paid a beautiful tribute to the life and work of Miss. Woodhouse. Others expressed their love and appreciation for her outstanding work.

Report of Obituary:
To our beloved Superintendent, Miss Oella Woodhouse and faithful co-workers, Mrs. F.W. Day, Boonville, Mrs. M.M. Crummel, boonville, Mrs. Elmer Arnold, Bethel, Mrs N.M. gough, Bethel.

He is gathering together his jewels;
Five beautiful diamonds are gone
We will miss their radiant sparkle,
But the King needed them for His own.
Then up to the mansion of glory
He bore them on tireless wings
To shine forever and ever
Gems in the Crown of the King.

Be it resolved:
Though bowed with grief at their going, we will be humbly submissive to the will of God,
That we cherish their memory as an inspiration for service and faithfulness.
The Nominating Committee made the following nominations:
Mrs. E. W. Turner, Superintendent; Mrs. D. H. Craver, First Assistant; Mrs. W. D. Martin, Second Assistant; Mrs. B. F. Gough, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Mary Speer, Young People Leader; Mrs. M. W. Mackie, Personal Service. These were unanimously elected. Mrs. Adams, Field Worker for N. C. Baptist Centennial Campaign asked the WMU to raise five hundred dollars for a memorial to Miss Della Woodhouse.

1929 The WMU 16th Annual Meeting met with Yadkinville Church, July 10, 1929. Prayer was by Rev. D. E. Deaton. Devotion was given by Miss Lucy Stout bearing on "Stewardship in the Spirit." Welcome was by Mrs. M. W. Mackie. Mrs. S. C. Williams presented an interesting talk on "Stewardship of Life," stressing the importance of prayer, giving and Sabbath observance. Mrs. Paul Price Davis stressed the importance on the "Value of Mission Study." Special music "The Lord is my Shepherd" by Mrs. R. S. Shore and Miss Roselyn Dobbins. Gifts were not reported. Mrs. W. D. Martin was elected Superintendent.

1930 The 17th Annual Meeting met at Flat Rock Baptist Church, June 27, 1930. Mrs. D. H. Craver gave the devotion, using the subject "What is that in Thine Hand?" Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Corresponding Secretary made an inspiring talk on "The Challenge of Difficult Things." Little Virginia Ann Craver sang "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old." Miss Attie Bostick told of her work in China, followed by her niece singing as a prayer "Lord Speak to Me." An offering of $20.00 was taken for Miss Bostick, to be applied to a car to be used on the Mission Field when she returns to China. Gifts were $490.00.

1931 The 18th Annual Meeting was held with Forbush Baptist Church, July 2, 1931. Special recognition was given to our pastor friends, W. V. Brown, J. P. Davis, R. E. Adams, J. L. Martin, and B. K. Mason, who responded with words of encouragement and appreciation of the women's work. It was a joy to have inspirational addresses by Miss Alva Lawrence, State Young People Leader, Mrs. J. J. Roddick, Mrs. B. K. Mason and Miss Marquerite Mason of Winston-Salem. "Perhaps there has never been a year when it was more difficult for our women to keep up their mission pledges and yet in spite of financial depression, and many calls for assistance of the past few years, we realize much has been accomplished. We have not measured up to the full extent of our ability. Our goal is to enlist all our women, young people, and children in mission work. As we enter upon a new year, let us renew our allegiance to the great work of the Kingdom with enlarged vision of the task to which we have committed ourselves, and let us go forth with praise, prayer and faith to a great victory," states Mrs. Mason. Gifts were $978.68.

1932 The 19th Annual Meeting was held at Jonesville Baptist Church, June 24, 1932. Reports from officers was most encouraging. Mission Study has a large place in our program of work and personal service done shows that our women are doing much in "His name" to relieve hunger and suffering in our midst. "May we undertake great things for God, expect great things from God," and say with Paul, "Of this I am confident that He who gave a good work in us will go on completing it until the day of the Lord." No gifts reported.

1933 The 20th Annual Meeting was held at Boonville Baptist Church, April 9, 1933. Miss Alva Lawrence, State Young People Leader, brought a great message. Helpful messages were brought by several of the women. Special music was given by Miss Bertha Adams and Mrs. M. A. Holcomb. Gifts were $504.07.

1934 The 21st Annual Meeting was held at Yadkinville Baptist Church, April 18, 1934. Regardless of the unfavorable weather conditions the number present was the largest ever to attend and the spirit was fine. The 10 churches enlisted in the WMU work were represented and two churches having no organization attended. Very encouraging reports were given by the officers showing more people studying missions, praying for the work, and giving to missions. Our hearts were cheered by having seven pastors attending. Gifts were $464.35.

1935 The 22nd Annual Meeting was held at Deep Creek Baptist Church in April, 1935. That year a WMU and Sunbeam Band was organized. Mrs. J. G. Allgood was elected President. In her report, Mrs. D. H. Craver states, "Heaven is not reached by a single bound." Neither is our progress in the Yadkin Association made by leaps and bounds. There are many faithful ones holding on with one hand and with the other beckoning to all who will join the band. Some Baptists are skeptical about having organized groups. We beg our Baptist brothers and sisters to lay aside all prejudice that doth so easily beset us, to ask your associational officers to help you, and to help reap the fields ripe unto the harvest. Gifts were $585.45.

1936 The 23rd Annual Meeting was held at Enon Baptist Church, June 3, and was unusually well attended. The Lord richly blessed us by sending a veritable banquet of love and inspiration in our WMU State President, Mrs. J. Clyde Turner, Miss Mary Currin, State Young People's Secretary; and our own missionary in Tobat, Japan, Miss Naomi Schell. How she stirred our hearts as she brought us needs of Japan. Added to this table of good things was the presence of a larger number of our pastors than ever before. What a joy and benediction to have them in our meeting. We appreciate them so very much and crave the loyal support of all the pastors in the association. The devotional messages by Brothers E. T. Sims and Avery Church were most uplifting. Our first Young People's Rally directed by Mrs. G. D. Renegar, Leader, met with Forbush Baptist Church, July 7, at which time the Stewardship Declamation Contest was held. Our speakers were Miss Mary Currin and Miss Vera Aguillaid, our French Missionary to the French people in Louisiana. Gifts were $159.99.

1937 East Bend Baptist Church was host to the 24th Annual Meeting this year 1937. Guest speakers were Miss Pearl Borune, Birmingham, Alabama, Associate Southwide Young People's Leader, Mrs. Eph Whisenhunt, Elkin, and Mrs. Edna Harris, Raleigh. Mrs. Paul Davis, Mission Study Leader reported eleven books were studied in the association with 260 awards given. Mrs. Sidney Jones, Personal Service Chairman, reported that 429 garments were given, 160 pieces of literature, 230 baskets of flowers to cheer the sick, visits to county homes and prison camps, and personal work in soul winning. Mrs. B. K. Mason spoke on the 100,000 Club. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Kate Waywick. Gifts were $971.01.

1938 25th Anniversary

The 25th Annual Meeting was held at Boonville Baptist Church, June 15, 1938 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the organization of the Yadkin WMU. Again, Mrs. D. H. Craver, who has so lovingly and devotedly led the women for several years with Mrs. L. H. Todd as her associate, was elected superintendent.

Upon His resurrection, the first commission of the risen Lord, "Go tell my brethren," was spoken to the women who had come to the tomb. All down the centuries, the women who have loved Jesus have heard him say "Go tell," and they have faithfully told the story.

In May, 1888, thirty-two women, delegates from ten states met in Richmond, Virginia, and organized the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxillary to the Southern Baptist Convention. This year we are joyfully celebrating our Golden Jubilee. As a very definite and pratical part of the Jubilee, we are striving to increase our gifts, our knowledge, our interest, our membership and enlarge our vision and stewardship.

Our Yadkin WMU has always been true to the great Fundamental Aims of the South-wide WMU, namely - Prayer, Bible and Mission Study, Enlistment, Personal Service, Stewardship of Tithes and Offerings, and the Missionary Education of Young People. Our various Chairmen reported again that the women are striving to meet goals along these lines, with figures and facts to prove that while we have not yet attained, we are striving.

There are in the Yadkin Association 13 churches with a WMU, 4 with YWA, 7 with GA's, 1 with an RA, and 7 with Sunbeam Bands. Boonville WMS and Sunbeam Band, and Yadkinville GA were the A-1 Societies during 1937.

As we pause and review the work of the past year, we also look forward to the coming years, praising, working, praying and giving as we realize that the time is drawing near when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea. Mrs. D. G. Renegar made the 25th anniversary report.

Mrs. D. H. Craver spoke to the report and recognized Mrs. B. K. Mason, Superintendent of Charlotte Division of WMU. Mrs. Negrina brought a message about her work in Cuba. She introduced a Cuban friend who spoke to the Association through Mrs. Negrina as interpreter. An offering of $18.00 was taken for Mrs. Negrina. Gifts were $1,526.25.

1939 The 26th Annual Meeting in June with Flat Rock Baptist Church was one of great inspiration and fellowship. Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Djang, native Chinese, and Mrs. J. S. Farmer were guest speakers. Mr. Djang told how he had been led in the wicked city at Shanghai by a Christian grandmother and a father who was a preacher. "It would have been easy for me to have drifted back into paganism had I not been under the careful watchcare of these and the missionaries. American people have no right to waste money on luxuries when God can use that money to save lives and souls. Today there are 65 million people starving in China, and they have as much right to live as we," pleaded Mr. Djang. He said he had seen thousands of Chinese children go to bed hungry at night, when as little as one American dollar would feed an adult 30 days.

Mrs. Craver reported we not only reached our Golden Jubilee Goals, but went far beyond our aim and were the only association of the 24 in the Charlotte Division who reached that coveted place. We now have WMU work in 16 churches, forty organizations with membership of 564

Miss Bertha Adams gave a very interesting report at the meeting. She states, "As we have delved into past records and studied the beginning of the work 25 years ago, we are made to realize that it was the Spirit of God leading and speaking to Mrs. B. K. Mason, after having had a course in Mission Study in her own church, although in another state, to present the cause of Missions and organize the women of her old home association."

"To Miss Della Woodhouse of Boonville, an old friend and classmate, she made known her plans when on vacation in 1912 and she at once caught the vision. In August of that year when the Yadkin Baptist Association met with Union Grove Baptist Church, a group of women met in an old school house nearby, and urged by Mrs. Mason, to go home and organize societies and if wise, meet at Boonville Church the following year and organize a WMU of the Yadkin Association."

In July, 1913, the first WMU Annual Meeting was held at Boonville Baptist Church and gave a program prepared by Miss Della Woodhouse. Miss Blanche Barras, Corresponding Secretary of WMU attended this meeting. The second was held at East Bend Baptist Church. Six Societies sent in reports and total offering that year was $75.00. Miss Woodhouse was elected Superintendent and so far as we know, she served lovingly and efficiently in that capacity until her death.

When God calls workers home it seems humanly thinking we are stranded, but He calls others into service and the work goes on. Other Superintendents called were Mrs. E. W. Turner who served 1 year, and Mrs. W. D. Martin, 2 years. In 1931 Mrs. D. H. Craver who had served as Associate Superintendent was elected Superintendent and has untiringly and devotedly been at the helm since that time. Total gifts were $986.23.

1940 The 27th Annual Meeting was held at Deep Creek Baptist Church in 1940. The attendance was very good. Mrs. Briggs of Raleigh and Mrs. Earl James of Elkin brought helpful and inspirational messages. The WMU work for the year excelled that of any previous year with 8 churches observing Stewardship Night and more than 10% increase made in all departments of work. More organizations gave regularly to Cooperative Program. Gifts were $1,534.64.

1941 Our 28th Annual Meeting was held May 29, 1941, at Arlington Baptist Church. We were blessed by the challenging messages of the guest speakers, Mrs. Phil E. White, missionary to Kweiteh, Interior China; Mrs. W. D. Briggs, Raleigh; Mrs. Earl C. James, Elkin, Mrs. J. J. Roddick; and Rev. Charles Parker, Winston-Salem. It was a joy to have a large number of our pastors with us. Rev. Grady Burgiss of Greensboro, the first pastor of Arlington spoke tenderly of his love for the church and the women's work. The Arlington Baptist Church was founded by a little band of interested women who gave 10¢ a month to start the church. It is today, one of the most beautiful and most active churches in the association. Flat Rock, Friendship, and Yadkinville WMS, the Intermediate and Junior GA's of Yadkinville; Boonville and Yadkinville Sunbeams were all A-1. Gifts were $1,606.92. The WMU of the Yadkin Association accepted its quota of $120.00 for the relief of the indebtedness of the Southern Baptist Convention.

1942 Our 29th Annual Meeting was held at Rock Springs Baptist Church, May 27, 1942. The guest speaker was Miss Ruby Daniels, missionary to Budapest, Hungary. Gifts of linen for the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem valued over $100 were received by the pastor, Rev. Charles E. Parker, and Superintendent of Nurses, Miss Edna Heinzerling. "In view of the fact that many of our boys of intermediate age in our churches may be drafted into the service of our country before the war is over, we want to place special emphasis on our Royal Ambassador work. We are happy to have Rev. Paul Forsythe, pastor of Boonville Church to serve as Associational RA Counselor," states Mrs. D. H. Craver. Gifts were $1,482.98.

1943 The 30th Annual Meeting was held with Yadkinville Baptist Church, May 26, 1943. The hospitality, Christian fellowship, and deep spirituality was notable. Mrs. R. K. Redwine of Mt. Airy represented the Raleigh office. Her message was most informative and helpful. Mrs. O. F. Stamps of Central China brought a heart searching and gripping message on "Christ Exalted in All the Kingdoms of the Earth." Our annual linen shower for the Baptist Hospital total $164.64 and gratefully received by Chaplain, Rev. Charles E. Parker. Special music was furnished by Senior and Junior Choirs of the Yadkinville Baptist Church with Mrs. Wiley E. Gobbins accompanist. Lifting the debt on our Boards was given added emphasis and more than three-fourths of our Societies made gifts to the Hundred Thousand Club. Our hearts rejoice that WMU had a large part in lifting the debt on our Foreign and Home Mission Boards. Rev. J. C. Canipe, pastnr of First Baptist Church of Boone, brought the closing inspirational address which cheered our hearts. Gifts were $1,673.28.

1944 The 31st Annual Meeting was held with Forbush Baptist Church. The guest speakers were Miss Mary Currin, Executive Secretary, N. C., and Miss Ola Lea, a returned missionary from Kaifeng, Interior China. We joy and gratitude to Him who has guided and blessed the work of Woman's Missionary Union, we make this report. (Made by Mrs. O. H. Craver).

On the Ruby Anniversary, to Woman's Missionary Union, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention said that the growth nf the Union brought tn his mind two texts: "A little one has become a thousand" and "the handfull of corn on the mountain has become a harvest." The phenominal growth is due to the fact that in the beginning of our organization there was the realization of the diversely appointed task, and as expressed in the watchword chosen the first year, we were "Laborers Together With God" in this task. The achievements of the years have been marked by steadfastness. Steadfast in faith, steadfast in love, steadfast in prayer, and steadfast in service.

Victorious was Woman's Missionary Union in its efforts to redeem the promise made in 1940 to pay one million dollars by 1945 in behalf of South-wide Debt Clearance. "Debt Free In '43" was the slogan. The combined gifts for four years totaled $1,003,269,27. The million dollar debt was not only reached a full year ahead of time, but was also surpassed by over $3,200.00. With hearts of gratitude to the "Giver of Every Good Gift and Perfect Gift" we unitedly exclaimed: Rejoice! Give thanks! This wonderful increase has been brought about by constant working together in prayer, study of God's Word and world needs, seeking to win the lost to Christ in our community, being good stewards of time, talents and money, neglecting not the missionary education of our young people.

New organizations added to the Yadkin WMU family were GA at Charity Baptist, RA and YWA at East Bend Baptist and Jonesville Baptist. The linen offering to the Baptist Hospital was $237.67 accepted by Superintendent Smith Hagaman.

It was with a feeling of deep regret that Mrs. D. H. Craver felt she must, on account of physical handicap, give up the responsihiltiy of work, which has been such a source of joy through the years. Mrs. L. H. Todd was chosen as successor. Miss Bertha Adams, who has served so faithfully as Secretary-Treasurer, tendered her resignation. Mrs. J. T. Reece, Community Mission Chairman also resigned. Miss Angie Conrad was elected to this task and Mrs. R. D. Smith was elected as Stewardship Chairman.

Mrs. Craver's words to the WMU and the Yadkin Baptist Association were:
"I want to express my deep and sincere gratitude to the pastors of the Association, to the Moderator, who has been most considerate and cooperative, to the Clerk who has given large space in the minutes to our reports and puhlicity to our various meetings and programs; to my fellow officers and chairmen, to the presidents and young people counselors and to the more than 600 members of our WMU who have so faithfully and lovingly served with me through these years of 'seed sowing.' In the face of these difficult days, let us enlarge the place of our tent, lengthen the cord, and strengthen the stakes that the generation to come may know." Gifts were $2,052.10.

1945 The 32nd Annual Meeting was held with Jonesville Baptist Church, was well attended, and the fellowship priceless. Guest speakers were Mrs. J. S. Farmer, Executive Secretary and Mrs. Lois Heath, Home Mission Board. New organizations added to the Yadkin WMU family this year: WMS North Oak Ridge Baptist and Bear Creek Baptist, YWA Deep Creek Baptist, RA Friendship Baptist, Sunbeam Flat Rock Baptist, Deep Creek Baptist and East Bend Baptist. The linen offering for Baptist Hospital was $210.00 which was accepted by Rev. Charles Parker.

A "happy surprise" at the meeting was the presentation of a silver loving cup to Mrs. D. H. Craver in gratitude for her splendid work for 33 years, 13 years of which were served as Superintendent. The following officers were elected: Mrs. L. H. Todd, Superintendent; Mrs. Carl Hoots, Associate Superintendent; Mrs. Roland Legans, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Paul Davis, Mission Study; Mrs. Lawrence Hudspeth, Community Missions; Mrs. O. C. Motsinger, Stewardship; Mrs. O. D. Renegar, Margaret Fund; Miss Pearl Legans, Young People's Leader; Mrs. Jones Todd, Associate; Rev. M. F. Reavis, RA; and Mrs. Wiley Dobbins, Pianist. Gifts were $2,584.13.

1946 The 33rd Annual Meeting was held with Sandy Springs Baptist Church. The guest speakers were Rev. J. I. Kizer, pastor Boonville Baptist Church, and Miss Attie Bostick, missionary to China. Mr. W. K. McGee accepted the $213.61 linen offering for the Baptist Hospital. Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth reported that a more direct effort for souls to be brought into the Kingdom through our community mission plans. She has a calendar made out by which every church, with its pastor, have a religious service at the County Home, Prison Camp, and Jail. Mrs. Paul Davis reported 423 enrolled in Mission Study Classes. Nine pioneer mission classes were taught and 2 mission study institutes were held with average attendance of 100. By request, some changes were made in the associational officers, but we are happy the association is in good hands with Mrs. W. E. Brooks elected as Superintendent and Mrs. L. H. Todd as Associate Superintendent. Of special importance was the pledging of $300 by our WMU of the Yadkin Association to support an Associational Missionary. Gifts were $2,914.28.

1947 The 34th Annual Session was held with Friendship Baptist Church, April 12, 1947. Mrs. Florence Lide of China; Mrs. John Wacaster, State Field Worker; Mrs. C. N. Myers, Divisional Superintendent were guest speakers. Mrs. Lide spoke in an very challenging manner on "Field White Unto Harvest." Mrs. Wacaster's text was "Take the Task He Gives You Gladly." Our linen shower for the Baptist Hospital was $190. An Associational-wide study "Talks On Soul Winning" was conducted by Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth. Mrs. O. C. Motsinger reported an increase of 23 tithers for WMU during the year. Mrs. Paul P. Davis reported 47 classes in Mission Study with 459 attending. Mrs. Brooks reported in offerings the WMU has placed upon His altar love gifts amounting to $3,552.19. Miss Kathleen Vestal, our Associational Missionary, has greatly helped the organizations through Mission Study and Conferences with the leaders.

1948 The 35th Annual Session was held with North Oak Ridge Baptist Church, April 10, 1948. Mrs. Estelle Councilman of Paraguay, Miss Hilda Mayo, Raleigh, and Rev. A. C. Cheshire were guest speakers. Miss Councilman spoke in a very challenging manner on "Serving the Lord Christ in Paraguay;" Miss Mayo's topic was "For Ye Serve the Lord Christ;" Rev. Cheshire's topic was "Serving the Lord Christ Through Witnessing." The linen offering for the Baptist Hospital was $178.25. Mrs. Brooks reported that this being our commemoration year we are asked to give more liberally to all phases of the work. She reported total gifts of $3,621.21.

1949 The 36th Annual Session was held at Enon Baptist Church, June 4, 1949. It was well attended. Mrs. Earl James brought the morning devotion, "God So Loved The World." Mrs. John Wacaster spoke on "The Urgency of Making Him Known." Rev. J. C. Shore brought an inspirational message "Assist Me To Proclaim." Several pastors attended. Mrs. Paul P. Oavis presented $209.89 linen offering to Dr. W. K. McGee of the Baptist Hospital. Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Community Missions Chairman is striving to make "Soul Winning" the heart of her work. Many pounds of food and clothing were sent to our relief headquarters in New Orleans. Mrs. T. E. Grigg, Associational Missionary, taught several Mission Studies in the Association. Our commeration year has come to a close. We failed to reach the goals we had set. We will continue to work, know that with work, prayer, and with God's help and guidance, we will attain these and higher goals, were Mrs. Brooks closing remarks. Gifts: Cooperative Program - $1,329.20; Special Offerings - $2,123.15.

1950 The 37th Annual Meeting was held with Deep Creek Baptist Church, June 3, 1950. The guest speakers were Rev. J. C. Shore, Associational Missionary spoke on "Abounding in the Work of the Lord," Miss Laura Frances Snow "Cooperating in the Work of the Lord," Miss Lydia Green, Missionary to China spoke on "The Work of the Lord in China," Rev. Fred Poplin of Jonesville, text was "The Work of the Lord in Winning the Lost." Mrs. Earl James brought the closing message, "Your Labor is Not in Vain in the Lord." The linen offering, $170.00, was presented by Mrs. M. A. Holcomb to Dr. Bell from the Baptist Hospital. Mrs. W. L. Wood was elected Community Mission Chairman and Mrs. J. C. Shore, Margaret Fund.

Dn October 6, 195D, the Annual Meeting of the Wilkesboro Division was held at Yadkinville Baptist Church with 3DD attending. Mrs. Earl James led the meeting. The topic was "Light for Darkness." Mrs. E. W. McMurray conducted the devotion. Mrs. D. D. Williamson and Mrs. Frank Walker lead the afternoon devotions. Miss Letha Sounders, Missionary to Brazil spoke on "Light for Darkness." Dther guest speakers were: Mrs. Pen Lyle Pittard, Miss Dare Teague, Mrs. W. J. Bond, Mr. Rex Campbell, and Rev. W. B. Jackson.

Mrs. Brooks stated in her closing remarks, "It is our humble prayer that we may realize more keenly than ever our grave responsibility and privilege in working in WMU to give Christ to the world in 195D and he ever mindful of our watchword: To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the way of peace." All the ministers stood in voicing their support of the WMU work. Rev. D. L. Temple, pastor at Arlington said the WMU is older than the church. Mrs. Will Garner said she felt the way for ministers to know what the women are doing is to have a Missionary Society in their church. Gifts: Cooperative Program - $1,551.61; Missions - $2,451.34.

1951 The 38th Annual Meeting was held with Bethel Baptist Church in April, 1951. The theme for the program was "Found Faithful." Rev. J. M. Head, pastor of the church, brought the devotional message. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Malcom Brown, Mrs. J. C. Shore, and Mrs. Loyd Dixon. Guest speakers were Miss Marie Epley, Raleigh, who spoke on "Faithful to the Task," and Miss Mary Yancey, of Nigeria who used "Found Faithful" as her topic.

Mrs. D. D. Williamson presented $235.5D linen offering to Rev. Everett Barnard of the 8aptist Hospital. Miss Lee May Lowery was elected Stewardship Chairman and Rev. Fred Poplin, RA Counselor.

The Annual Divisional Meeting was held with Elkin Baptist Church, Dctober 10, and was well attended. Mrs. Ruth Provence, State Secretary and Miss Isabelle Coleman of China were guest speakers. Total enrolled: 19 churches WMU and Youth 1,D65; attending Mission Studies 585; Total Tithers 155; Cooperative Program $1,65D.D1. (Due to change in reporting time from December 3D to September 3D we do not have special offerings listed).

1952 The 39th Annual Meeting was held at Boonville Baptist Church, May 1, 1952. The theme was "The Power of Jesus' Name." Guest speakers were Mrs. Marie Eppley, State Young People's Secretary, and Miss Kathleen Manley of Nigeria. Miss Pearl Legans and Mrs. Gwynn Shermer gave the devotion. Special music was by Miss Libby Martin. A linen offering of $285.DO was presented to Chaplain 8arnard, Baptist Hospital by Mrs. Graham Stinson. Gifts were Foreign Missions $1,112.67; Home Missions $542.67; State Missions $349.39; Heck Jones $228.8D.

Mrs. Paul Price Davis, Mission Study Chairman urged the reading and studying of Mission Books. Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Community Missions Chairman, stressed soul-winning. She lead an Inter-racial Institute at Yadkinville July 11, with Mrs. John Wacaster as guest speaker. Mrs. Roy Reece, Young People's Leader reported two new organizations for the year.

1953 The 4Dth Annual Session was held at Sandy Springs Baptist Church April 16, 1953. The theme was "Come Women Wide Proclaim." Guest speakers were Miss Ruth Provience and Miss Sophia Nichols, missionary to Brazil. Mrs. Edwin Eaton presented a gift of $27D.85 for linen to Chaplain Barnard, Baptist Hospital. Gifts received: Foreign Missions $1,316.D8; Home Missions $655.85; State Missions $525.53, Heck Jones $3D7.15. Mrs. Henry Lee Holden, Community Missions, urged us that the Christian home is a must for American society today. Mrs. Roy Reece reported 8 YWA's, 12 GA's, 1D RA's and 11 Sunbeam Bands. They have given $174.80 to missions and 83 tithers.

1954 The 41st Annual Meeting was held at East Bend Baptist Church, April 8, 1954. The theme was "Entrusted to Us" was given by Mrs. Earl James and Miss Ruth Porvence. Mrs. Sadie Shoaf, Home Mission Board, spoke on "Stewards of the Gospel." Mrs. C. E. Williams presented the gift of $2D8.9D for linen to Dr. W. K. McGee, Baptist Hospital. Shady Grove Baptist Church organized a WMU making a total of 23 WMU's in the Association. Good reports were given by all the officers and how the work is going. The reports show a gain in offerings: Foreign Missions $1,431.81, Home Missions $794.57, State Missions $525.45, Heck Jones $313.72; Total - $3,D65.55.

Mrs. J. T. Reece gave the memorial meditation and paid special tribute to the memory of Mrs. D. H. Craver, who for 14 years served as Associational Superintendent, not only in the WMU work but in all phases of our work in the Yadkin Baptist Association. She labored loyally. She was a faithful member of WMU serving in various offices, also, in the Division and State. In her first annual

report in the Yadkin Association in 1932 she closed with these words - "Hitherto He hath led us, may we undertake great things for God, expect great things from God; say with Paul of this, I am confident that He who began a good work in us will go on completing it until the day of the Lord." Mrs. Craver served well in completing her part of the work which the Lord has established among us. In the Yadkin Association, we hold her name in sweet memory and love; therefore, we, of the Yadkin WMU along with the Wilkeshoro Division are setting up a memorial to Mrs. Craver, in the furnishing of a room in the new wing of the Baptist Hospital to be known as the Mattye B. Craver Memorial." To date, the Association has contributed $534.20 toward the memorial fund.

For heartfelt gratitude for every effort and achievement rendered in the name of the Lord during the past year, we would pray for more diligent and prayerful service of every member of our association as we continue to build upon the sure foundation which has been laid.

1955 The 42nd Annual Meeting was held at Deep Creek Baptist Church, April 28, 1955. The theme was "Go Quickly and Tell." We were happy to have as guest speakers Mrs. Grady Fuller, Regional Associate Superintendent, Miss Beverly Neilson, State Representative and Rev. W. W. Lawton, Missionary to China and the Phillippines. He spoke of his work with the Chinese before having to leave the country and of the great need of China for Christianity and the Gospel. Mrs. J. T. Reece presented the gift of $296.23 for linen to Mr. M. C. Nutt, Baptist Hospital. She also reported the Mattye B. Craver Memorial at the Baptist Hospital. The plague reading, "In memory of Mrs. Mattye B. Craver, Boonville by the WMU of the Yadkin Baptist Association and Wilkeshoro Division."

A new WMU was organized at Huntsville Baptist Church under the leadership of Mrs. J. G. Allgood. Four youth organizations, YWA, RA, GA and Sunbeams were organized in the Association. Gifts: Foreign Missions $2,206.87; Home Missions $973.11; State Missions $537.31; Heck Jones $490.81.

1956 Our 43rd Annual Session was held April 28, 1956 at Flat Rock Baptist Church. The theme was "This Commission - Our Mission." The guest speakers were Miss Doris Teague and Mrs. Worth Grant, missionary to Japan. It was reported that in 1955 Mrs. J. D. Whisnant was elected Prayer Chairman. She urged everyone to join her each morning at nine o'clock for a "special" prayer time. Mrs. Page Shermer presented the gift of $293.12 for linens to Rev. W. L. Lynch of the Baptist Hospital. Mrs. W. E. Brooks, WMU Superintendent, reported 23 WMU organizations. There were 7 full graded WMU's. Gifts were Foreign Missions $2,954.89; Home Missions $1,292.60; State Missions $62.00; Heck Jones $632.75; Margaret Fund $55.23.

1957 The 44th Annual Session was held April 24, 1957, at Richmond Hill Baptist Church. The theme was "The Field is the World." The Associational report was presented in the form of "This Is Your Life, Mrs. WMU," with all the officers taking part. The guest speakers were Miss Miriam Robinson, State Executive Secretary, Mrs. Earl James, and Mrs. H. K. Middleton, missionary to Chile. Mrs. Homer Brady presented a gift of $284 for linens to Dr. W. K. McGee of Baptist Hospital.

On Sunday, February 17, 1957, the WMU held "Open House" for Rev. and Mrs. Grady Burgiss, our Associational Missionary. There were 248 who signed the "Guest Register" from 23 churches. "We, the women of Woman's Missionary Union appreciate the wonderful work the Burgisses are doing in our association," states Mrs. Brooks. Gifts reported: Foreign Missions $5,225.37; Home Missions $3,332.42; Heck Jones $537.13; Margaret Fund $51.00. State Missions was given through the churches.

1958 The 45th Annual Session of the WMU was held at Union Grove Baptist Church May 7, 1958. The theme was "Ye Shall Be Witnesses." The Work of Witnessing was given by each officer. Special guest speakers were Mrs. Earl James, Elkin, Miss Beverly Neilson, State Sunheam Director. Mr. Jerry Potter, missionary to the silent people spoke on "His Kingdom from Shore to Shore." The WMU gift of linens of $306.43 was presented to Mr. Egbert Davis, Chairman Board of Trustees, hy Mrs. W. L. Wood.

Mission Study has a "good root" system in the program suggested hy Southwide WMU. Seasonal showers are sent with recommended planned texts and classes. Sunlight is provided in a year round planned program. Using the Achievement Chart in local societies is good plant food. Careful weeding is done with reading of mission books and perodicals. Through preparation of the soil done by Mrs. Page Shermer at the Leadership Conference last fall and followed up with Associational Mission Studies taught hy Rev. William McGee,

Rev. E. W. McMurray, Rev. Grady Burgiss and Rev. J. D. Whisant. The first Associational Mission Study for GA and RA was held at Island Ford with 300 attending taught by Rev. J. C. Shore and Rev. E. W. McMurray.

The youth organizations are very important in the Association. The GA's under the leadership of Mrs. Graham Stinson held a Mother-Daughter Banquet at West Yadkin School Cafeteria with Miss Dare Teague speaker. At Boonville Baptist Church the YWA Banquet was held with Mrs. Corbet Walters, Leader and Miss Sara Ann Hobbs as guest speaker. A Day Camp for Sunbeams under the direction of Mrs. Dwight Williamson was held at Boonville Baptist Church.

"We must always keep in mind that each year must be better than the preceding one and humbly pray for His help and guidance in the coming year," Mrs. Brooks stated in her closing statement.

1959 The 46th Annual Meeting was held at Yadkinville Baptist Church in 1959. "You Witness Now" was the theme. Miss Carol Leigh Humphries, missionary to Nigeria, brought the message, "Show Forth His Salvation." A playlet, "You a Missionary" was given under the direction of Mrs. Grady Burgiss, Community Mission Chairman. An inspiring message was given by Mrs. Earl James, Regional President.

As we look forward to the future and our "Jubilee" goals may each one see the important place in studying, reading God's Word, and giving. With "Christian Witnessing" as the emphasis for the Jubilee Advanced Program, it is hoped that every WMU member will be committed to soul winning. Gifts reported: Foreign Missions $3,681.70; Home Missions $1,340.94; State Missions $677.64; Heck Jones $498.68; Margaret Fund $74.40; and Hospital Linen $290.00.

1960 The 47th WMU of the Yadkin Baptist Association met with South Oak Ridge Baptist Church, May 4, 1960, with 23 active societies represented. The theme was "Doers of the Word." Mrs. Sam Mayo, Field Worker for Home Mission Board, and Mrs. W. K. McGee, State WMU President, were guest speakers. The Executive Board presented the work of the Association for the past year in the form of a skit "Doers of the Word."

Pages for the day were Kay Phillips and Vickie Dinkins, Girl's Auxillary Queens with Scepter from Forbush Baptist Church. They did an outstanding job. Members of the Executive Board attended workshops at Wake Forest, High Point, and Lexingten. Workshops followed in the various churches. Gifts: Foreign Missions $4,723.30; Heme Missions $1.502.10; State Missions $862.89; Margaret Fund $71.00; and Hospital Linen $300.00.

1961 "His Message Must Be Sent" was the theme of the 48th Annual Session at Courtney Baptist Church, April 25, 1961. Miss Margaret Marchman, Missionary to Nigeria, and Miss Willa Dean Freeman, State GA Director, were guest speakers. The devotional message was brought by Mrs. Earl James, Elkin, whose topic was "We Will Pray."

A discussion "We will Give" was presented under the direction of Mrs. L.H. Todd. Others were "A Look at Our Stewardship Record," Mrs. W. E. Brooks; "Teach Stewardship," Mrs. E. W. McMurray; "What The Cooperative Is," Mrs. Grady Burgiss; "Why I Am a Tither" Sandra Williamson; and "Stewardship of Time," Dianne Wood.

The Jubilee Goals were presented by Mrs. L. H. Todd. The President highly commended the Chairman and leaders for their faithfulness in the promotion of all the work: Mrs. Page Shermer, Mrs. William Pepper, Mrs. Grady Burgiss, Mrs. Richard Taylor, Mrs. Thomas Haynes, Mrs. Bill Rutledge, and Mrs. Monroe Hobson. Gifts: Foreign Missions $4,469.00; Home Missions $1,454.89; Heck Jones $477.53; Margaret Fund $79.00; Hospital Linen $254.02. State Missions was given through churches.

"We are 'Laborers together with God' so may we grow in world vision and dedication to Christ who is ours to share," stated Mrs. Brooks.

1962 Island Ford Baptist Church was host to the 49th Session, April 24, 1962. The program, "That Thy Way May Be Known" was under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Brooks, President. Mrs. Ewell Payne, former missionary to North Carolina Cherokee Indians, was guest speaker. Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, State YWA Director, brought greetings from the State Office. Two new societies were recognized, Turner's Creek and Rock Spring, bringing a total of 25 WMU's. Mrs. Kenneth White reported the YWA Banquet, with a Hawaiian setting was a great success. Our missionaries to Chile, Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Middleton, brought an inspiring message. Gifts: Linen offering $295.00; Foreign Missions $5,936.01; and Home Missions $1,233.36.

1963 50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union was held at Boonville Baptist Church, April 23, 1963. The program theme was "A Priceless Heritage - Our Commission." The history of the Associational WMU was presented by Mrs. Ethel Brumfield, giving "A Look at the Past - Our Own." Mrs. Laurence Todd and Mrs. Roland Legans, "Through the Years - Our Association."

The beginning of the Women's Missionary Society of the Yadkin Association was made at Union Grove Baptist Church at the Association of 1912 when Mrs. B. K. Mason called the women together and planned for the organization of the WMS and Sunbeams. The first Annual Meeting was held at Boonville Baptist Church with Miss Della Woodhouse as president.

Down through the years the work has continued to grow, though slow at times. There are seven churches without a mission organization.

Many missionaries from both Home and Foreign Fields has brought inspirational messages during these years, also representatives from the State office. Mrs. Ronald Hill, missionary to Thialand was guest speaker for our Annual Meeting. Mrs. W. K. McGee represented the State and installed the officers for 1964.

Mrs. W. E. Brooks, President, and Mrs. Roland Legans, Secretary, resigned after serving 17 years and 19 years, respectively. A gift of silver was presented to each of them on behalf of the Association as a token of love and appreciation of their work by Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Vice President. Mrs. L. H. Todd was elected Secretary.

The Youth Organizations continue to show some gain in members. The Sunbeam Day Camp was held at South Oak Ridge Baptist Church, August 17, with 74 attending. Mrs. J. T. McRae, the guest speaker told of the mission work in Palestine. The GA Banquet was held at Yadkinville School Cafeteria, May 17, with 175 attending. A skit was presented by the GA's. The YWA Banquet was held August 23 at Courtney School Cafeteria with 74 present. Mrs. Jean Middleton was the guest speaker.

Six Associational Officers attended the Leadership Conference at Fruitland September 13-14. On September 23, 1963 the Jonesville Baptist Church was host to the Associational WMU Leadership Conference with 75 attending. Plans were made for the "Year of Jubilee" the last year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance - 1964.

The 75th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention was observed in 1963 and many goals were set for both the local organizations and the association.

"We praise God for the past, and thank Him for the challenge of the future. May each of us do our part to make Christ known to all peoples of our Association, State, Nation and the world, for we are Laborers together with God," stated Mrs. Brooks in her closing remarks. Gifts to Missions - State Missions $1,573; Home Missions $2,421; Foreign Missions $8,357.

1964 Jonesville Baptist Church was host to the 51st Annual Session, April 21, 1964. This being the Baptist Year of Jubilee the theme "for Liberty and Light" was chosen. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Gentry, of Mission Volunteers, awaiting appointment by the Foreign Mission Board were guests speakers. Miss Kathryn Bullard, State WMU Director, brought the inspirational message. Mrs. Kenneth White reported 80 YWA's attended the Associational Banquet. Mrs. Jack Gentry brought a great message. Mrs. Bill Rutledge reported the Mother-Daughter Banquet at Jonesville Baptist Church with attendance of 203. The guest speaker, Rev. J. C. Shore, challenged the girls "to be dedicated to God and shine as missionaries wherever they are." Under the direction of Mrs. Thomas L. Hanes, the Sunbeam Day Camp was held at Courtney Baptist Church. The highlight was Rev. and Mrs. Robert Busyhead and daughter, Carolyn, as guest speaker. They are serving as missionaries to the Cherokees.

1965 The 52nd Annual Session was held at South Oak Ridge Baptist Church. Rev. J. C. Shore spoke on "The Purpose of Worship." Rev. Archie Jones, missionary to Ecuador brought a heart-warming message of his work in Ecuador. Mrs. Harry D. Wood, Jr., State Stewardship Chairman, brought the closing message. The emphasis for the year was on "Worship" - a church fulfilling its mission through worship. To worship is to experience an awareness of God, to recognize His holiness and majesty, and to respond in loving obedience to His leadership.

Mrs. Kenneth White YWA Leader reported a larger attendance at the YWA Banquet, August 12 at the Yadkinville Community Center. Mrs. Kenneth Wilson was guest speaker. Several YWA's and Counselors attended a State YWA House Party at Wake Forest College, August 20. Mrs. Thomas L. Haynes reports the Associational Sunbeam Day Camp at Forbush Baptist Church, August 14, was well attended with 10 churches represented. Mrs. Brooks reported 12 members of the WMU Executive Board attended the Leadership Conference at Fruitland Baptist Institute.

The Associational WMU presented Rev. Jack Gentry a gift of $130.00 before they sailed for Taiwan. We want to keep them on our prayer calendar. A gift of $285.90 was presented to the Baptist Hospital for linen.

WMU Watchword: "I will praise Thee, O Lord, among all the people; I will sing unto Thee among the nations."

1966 The 53rd Annual Session was held with Huntsville Baptist Church, 1966. The theme "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Proclaiming and Witnessing" with the emphasis placed on "Proclamation." Rev. William O. Hern was guest speaker using his topic, "The Dynamic for Effective Proclamation." Rev. Brad H. Crumpler of Monroe spoke on Wake Forest College.

Mrs. J. W. Pardue, Sr., reported that the Associational Prayer Retreat July 25, held at Boonville Baptist Church was a great success as women came together for a special season of fellowship in prayer where they shared their concerns and needs of the Association and the world.

On May 13th the Annual GA Mother and Daughter Banquet, under the leadership of Mrs. Phillip Casstevens, was held at West Yadkin School Cafeteria with attendance of 241. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gentry showed slides of Taiwan made by their son, Jack Gentry, our missionary there. A gift of $320.65 was presented to Baptist Hospital for linens.

WMU Watchword: "Having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on earth to every nation and kindred and tongue and people."

1967 The theme "Grow in Grace" was used for the 54th Annual Session at Forbush Baptist Church April 18, 1967. Mrs. Richard Henderson of Ghana brought the missionary message. Rev. J. C. Shore, Associational Missionary, brought the closing inspirational message. A gift of $316.50 was presented to Dr. W. K. McGee for linen at Baptist Hospital. Reports were given by each of the Associational Leaders. Thirteen members of the Council attended the Leadership Conference of Morganton. Mrs. H. B. Shore in-coming Associational Superintendent presided at the Leadership Conference at Flat Rock Baptist Church.

Mrs. Brooks, in her closing remarks said, "The year is over, continue your good work and I challenge you to keep the pace with God's plan for you and your organization and we will keep on growing. Help us to keep our faces and our aims to the heights. Help us to move forward as Christian women and as a missionary organization only for glory."

1968 The 55th Annual Session was held at Arlington Baptist Church, April 16, 1968. The emphasis for the year has been "Ministry," and WMU has been active in leading its members to become involved in "Mission Action." Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Middleton brought a fine missionary message concerning the work they are doing in Chile. We are very proud of "our very own" missionaries. Dr. W. K. McGee spoke briefly about what is happening at the Baptist Hospital. He was presented $310 for linen. Mrs. Oren Bradley, State Mission Study Chairman, spoke in the afternoon on "What's New in WMU." The watchword for the year, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these. . . you have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40, quoted Mrs. H. B. Shore, Associational Director

1969 Shady Grove Baptist Church was host to the 56th Annual Session on April 29, 1969. This was the first effort to have a night session and it was accepted with a great deal of enthusiaam. Mrs. Keith Edwards to Nigeria was principal speaker. Her talk and slides were most impressive. Mrs. Greenlaw of the Baptist Hospital received the linen offering. A letter was read from Mrs. Hubert K. Middleton expressing thanks for the large amount of good warm clothing collected from the ladies and young people of the Association, to take with her to Chile. These people were in need of help for clothing.

A Leadership Conference was well attended at Hickory. A Leadership Training Course was held later at Enon Baptist Church with Miss Kathryn Bullard and Miss Linda Warren from Raleigh teaching adults, Mrs. Phillip Mock of Lewisville, GA's and Mrs. [illegible] Haynes, Sunbeams. Sixty received accreditation. The YWA Banquet was a great success under the leadership of Mrs. Jimmy Taylor. Rev. Grady [illegible] was the guest speaker. Mrs. Hubert Middleton was guest speaker at the GA [illegible] Banquet at Jonesville. Mrs. [illegible] Shore reported a new WMU [illegible] at Mountain View Baptist Church this year. We are having [illegible] from them.

The watchword for the year: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8.

1970 The 57th Woman's Missionary Union has undergone major changes during the past two years. Transition has not been easy, as change evokes enthusiasm and fear. It is not easy to give up the comfortable ways of the past. Some women have been reluctant to assume leadership positions because the duties have not been carefully spelled out as in the past. Freedom to choose one's area of participation has not [illegible] as well as we had hoped, however, there are reports of several types of Mission Action being done by both men and women.

"WMU membership has dropped slightly in the Association as well as over the State, due in large part to increased numbers of women joining the labor forces. This does not mean the women are not interested in missions, as the offerings have grown steadily," stated Mrs. [illegible] Shore, WMU Director. (No report of Annual Meeting was given in 1970 Yadkin Baptist Minutes).

1971 This has been the 58th year for Woman's Missionary Union in the Yadkin Baptist Association. The churches have made the necessary adjustments to organizational changes, and now attention is focused on Mission Action and Family Missions in 1971-1972. The Foreign Mission Study was led by Rev. Jack Gentry at East Bend Baptist Church. The church was filled to capacity seven people attended the State Annual Session at Fayetteville in March. Three ladies attended the Baptist Women's Retreat at Mundo Vista. The Annual Prayer Retreat was held at Silver Lake Park, owned by Rev. & Mrs. J. G. Allgood, parents of Mrs. [illegible] Shore, with 10 people attending. There were 85 leaders from the church [illegible] at the Leadership Workshop, Yadkinville Baptist Church; Mrs. [illegible], Raleigh, Acteens Leader, brought the inspirational message. (No report of Annual Meeting given in 1971 Yadkin Baptist Minutes).

1972 The 59th Woman's Missionary Union of the Yadkin Baptist Association has had a relatively quiet [illegible]. Our study of Foreign Missions was planned by Mrs. Margaret Gough and well attended. The highlight of the year was the Annual Prayer Retreat held in June at Silver Lake, Mrs. J. G. Allgood's home. At the Annual Session in April we elected a new director and are anticipating a good year. (No report of Annual Meeting given in 1972 minutes).

1973 No 1973 Report given of Woman's Missionary Union in the Yadkin Baptist Minutes for the 60th year.

1974 The WMU took at least one "Giant Step" during the 61st year by adding a new organization. The WMU Director, Mrs. Margaret Gough, met with an interested and concerned group of ladies at West Yadkin Baptist Church and assisted them in organizing a WMU. Much good work has been accomplished through these ladies. The Foreign Mission Study was held at Jonesville Baptist Church with a large group attending. Other churches reported of good studies in their own church. The Home Mission Study was well attended at Enon Church. Several churches attended the State WMU Annual Session in Winston Salem. Two churches gave recognition. The Prayer Retreat was held at Silver Lake in June.

1975 The 62nd WMU Annual Session met at Flat Rock Baptist Church, 1975. Miss Kathleen Bullard was the guest speaker. The Home Mission Study was held with South Oak Ridge Baptist Church [illegible] Mrs. Hubert Middleton, our very [illegible] missionary from Chile. She [illegible] of their work. There were 112 in attendance. The WMU Council had a recognition party at Union Grove Baptist Church for all WMU Officers, their husbands, pastors and wives. It was a very enjoyable evening. The Annual Prayer Retreat was held at Deep Creek Baptist Church due to a thunderstorm. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt as several shared their need for prayer. During this meeting the Associational Officers were installed by Rev. J. C. Shore.

"I take this personal privilege to share with you that the Lord has led my husband to accept a call as pastor of Valley Hill Baptist Church of Hendersonville. On August 11, I am resigning effective August 31, as your WMU Director. Mrs. Harriet Shermer was elected as the new Director and installed September 15, 1975. May God bless her and you in this New Year," states Mrs. Iva Byrd.

1976 The 63rd Annual Meeting met with West Yadkin Baptist Church April 29, 1976. The theme of the program was "Let Christ's Freedom Ring." This being the Bicentennial year, it was appropriate for the congregation to stand and sing proudly, "America The Beautiful" led by Mrs. J. C. Shore and Mrs. Worth Hinshaw, organist. Mrs. Gene Moore, missionary to Tanzania told of their work, customs, and cultures there. Special recognition was given to Senior Baptist Women 40-,50-, or 60-year members: Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Mrs. Troy Martin, Mrs. J. G. Allgood, Mrs. Blanche Mackie, and Mrs. Harvey Gentry. Special recognition was also given to the Past WMU Directors; Mrs. L. H. Todd, Mrs. W. E. Brooks, Mrs. Charlie Gough, and Mrs. H. B. Shore. Mrs. Jim Byrd was unable to attend. Many of the ladies were dressed in beautiful long dresses and hats in celebration of the Bicentennial.

This year has been an exciting one with many accomplishments. We had the privilege of hearing Rev. and Mrs. Jack Gentry tell of their work in Taiwan. We are justly proud of them and pray for them as they will soon return to Taiwan.

The Leadership Conference was well attended at First Baptist Church of Yadkinville. At the meeting, it was voted to discontinue giving a gift of money for linen at the Baptist Hospital and to be very supportive to the Mother's Day Offering in May. Our WMU of the Yadkin Association was the last association in the state to discontinue this worthy offering.

Special emphasis has been given to the Baptist Young Women. We have 8 strong organizations under the leadership of Mrs. Doris Adams and Mrs. Sue Washburn. They are Enon Baptist Church, Charity Baptist Church, Deep Creek Baptist Church, Richmond Hill Baptist Church, South Oak Ridge Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Yadkinville, and 2 at Union Grove Baptist Church. Total membership 1,121 with 23 churches.

We must follow Christ's Commission: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost," May we ever be mindful that we are "Laborers together with God." The watchword, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," II Corinthians 3:17, quotes Mrs. Page Shermer, WMU Director.

1977 The 64th Annual Session was held April 28, 1977, with Green Meadows Baptist Church. The WMU emphasis was "Teach Missions" to be, to do. We were encouraged to grow personally, as we learn more about "Missions." We are to put this knowledge into action as we minister in the name of Christ. The guest speaker, Dr. Eugene Rubble, Medical Missionary to Indonesia, told of this work there. A gift of luggage was presented to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Shore in appreciation of their outstanding work in the association. He served as Associational Missionary and retired October 31.

Mrs. Page Shermer and Mrs. Cecil Shore reorganized Baptist Women at Friendship Baptist Church, July 12, 1977, GA and Mission Friends at Bear Creek Baptist Church. The Leadership Training was held at First Baptist Church of Yadkinville. Sara Ann Hobbs is happy to announce that Camp Mundo Vista is paid for through the Heck Jones Offering. Thank you for your loyal support in giving so generously to this endeavor. The Prayer Retreat was well attended at Silver Lake. The Annual Picnic of pastors, wives, WMU Directors and Officers was very enjoyable and a time of getting to know each other at Silver Lake in August. In December, we gave toothpaste, combs, brushes, stationary, and 165 pairs of hose to Woman's Correctional Center in Raleigh. We are happy that you gave so generously to make a "Happy Christmas" for these ladies.

The watchword: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

1978 The 65th Annual Session was held April 28, 1978, with Mountain View Baptist Church. The theme of the program was "Wholly Thine." It was very inspirational as the congregation stood and sang majestically, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," under the direction of Mrs. Billy Shelton and Mrs. Worth Hinshaw, organist. The devotional time was led by Rev. and Mrs. Dean Willard. Mrs. Roland Legans gave the Memorial Meditation and special music was by Mrs. W. L. Pearson, Jr. Rev. W. L. Pearson, Jr., Moderator of the Yadkin Association, installed the WMU Officers.

Rev. and Mrs. De Car Valho were guest speakers. He was born in Brazil and converted under a Southern Baptist missionary, came to the United States for Seminary training in Pennsylvania. He met his wife, Olivia, and they were married. The Valhos are members of the Gospel Ship "Logar." It is known as "Operation Mobilization" an ocean-going vessel being used to carry the gospel to different countries of the world. At present time they are living in Winston-Salem. They were introduced by Mrs. Graham Stinson.

The Prayer Retreat was held at Silver Lake with 14 churches attending. Mrs. Grace Holcomb of Winston-Salem spoke on the "Power of Prayer." Special music was by the GA's and Acteen's Choir of the Association. Through your love and concern you gave to the Women's Correctional Center in Raleigh in time for Christmas. Many ladies worked with the Social Service Department during Christmas helping needy people with food, clothing, and toys. This is another way of sharing Christ at Christmas. Several ladies worked at the Baptist Hospital helping package the Mother's Day literature and envelopes.

"Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give wealth,
Give love, give tears, and give thyself."

1979 On April 27, 1979, 7:30 P.M., the 66th Annual Meeting met with Charity Baptist Church. The theme of the program was "Filled With Power of the Holy Spirit." Mrs. Horace Jester led the Congregation Litany, followed by Rev. Ralph Stanley, pastor, in prayer. Mrs. Evelyn Brann read a beautiful poem in memory of those who had gone to be with our Lord. Director of Missions, Rev. Clarence Vassar brought encouraging words to us of the good work that is being done in the association. Mrs. John Calhoun, Jr., brought a heartwarming message.

Several ladies worked at the Baptist Hospital two days packaging the Mother's Day literature and envelopes. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Eskew taught the Home Mission Study with 200 in attendance. Last summer the churches prepared 500 Migrant Health Kits. School Bags and Laundry Bags will be given to the Spanish speaking who come into our county to work on farms during the tobacco season. Several ladies were busy at Social Service Department distributing food, fuel, clothing, and toys to needy families at Christmas.

"When the Holy Spirit is come upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8.

1980 Richmond Hill Baptist Church was host to the 67th Annual Meeting, April 21, 1980. The theme of the program was "The Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of Missions." The devotion and prayer was given by Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Holt. Mrs. Horace Jester welcomed all guests and pastors, Mrs. Marjorie Everett gave the Memorial Meditation, and special music was by Mrs. Cindy McMurray. Rev. Leon White, missionary to Argentina, was guest speaker. He told of the good work that he and Mrs. White had accomplished while serving there. Rev. Oren Bradley taught the Foreign Mission Study. Rev. Bradley toured the Carribean Islands and showed slides of the Baptist work being done.

The Key Leadership Conference was well attended and great plans made for the coming year. The Annual Prayer Retreat was held at Deep Creek Baptist Church, June 22. Mrs. Clarence Vassar led the devotions and Mrs. Faye Fincannon of Elkin was guest speaker. Her topic was "Praying With Faith." This was a very meaningful time together.

The happiness of Christmas lingers for the women at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women and Cameron Morrison Youth Center, Hoffman. This is the fourth year we have given Christmas gifts. Here is a personal note from one of the women. "This has been my seventh Christmas in prison. The support, concern, kindness, and sincerity of your group has lessened the darkness. Sincerely thanks and peace of Christ always."

"Stir up the gift of God which is in thee...for God has not given us the Spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:6-7.

1981 The 68th Annual Session met with Arlington Baptist Church April 28, 1981. The theme was "Go Forward Through World Missions." The congregation sang joyfully "Take My Life and Let It Be" directed by Mrs. Billy Shelton and Mrs. Tommy Garner, organist. The devotion and prayer was given hy Rev. and Mrs. Larry Childs. Memorial Meditations was given by Mrs. Billy Washburn. Special music was by the Arlington Choir. Rev. John McGee brought an inspiring message of his work in Africa. He said he had stayed in Africa longer than any white man. Their life span was approximately 15 years. He showed slides of the work being done with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Special emphasis was projected through the WMU to assist with the Migrant Ministry. Lane Frazier, through the Home Mission Board, worked and witnessed to them. He distributed 500 Health Kits and Bibles. A Sunday School class was held each Sunday at East Bend Baptist Church. An evening worship service was held at North Oak Ridge Baptist Church. Rev. George Pauley of Ronda and Mary Sue Gomez assisted in the work.

We were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Michael Ledbetter teach the Foreign Mission Study at Boonville Baptist Church. They told of their work in Mexico and showed slides, 160 attended. Also, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Eskew taught the Home Mission Study. They had the opportunity to go on a tour with the Home Mission Board to New York, Washington, D. C., and other points last spring. 225 attended the study.

Through our efforts we have seen added growth. We are happy to report that since the slogan "10,000 More by November 4" we have enlisted 64 new members. Total membership 1183.

The World Mission Conference was an outstanding event in the life of our Association and the 25 churches who took part. On Saturday Night, April 4, 1981, a rally was held at Jonesville Baptist Church with GA's, RA's, and Acteens participating in an impressive "Parade of Flags." We are deeply indebted to Rev. Clarence Vassar for planning and giving of himself so willingly to make the Conference a great success.

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

1982 The 69th Annual Meeting was held with Enon Baptist Church, April 29, 1982. The theme of the program was "Send Me." The great hymn "Send Me, O Lord, Send Me" was beautifully sung by the congregation. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Young brought the devotions and prayer time. Memorial Meditations was given by Mrs. Richard Thomas. Special music was by the Enon Baptist Church Choir. The highlight of the program was the inspirational message given by Mrs. Horace McRae, State WMU President.

You helped bring happiness to the ladies at North Carolina Correctional Center, Raleigh, on Christmas morning with the love offering of $430.00. We are happy to report that we now have 13 Baptist Young Women organizations in our Association. They are doing great work in our Association. Forbush Baptist Church organized one this year. Blaise, GA's and Acteens; Bear Creek, Acteens; Flat Rock and Deep Creek, Acteens and Mission Friends at Shady Grove. John Jones, son of missionary Archie Jones in Chile, worked with the Migrant Ministry during the summer months. He was an interpreter hetween farmer, the doctor, and the migrant. He distributed 300 Health Kits and Bibles. Sunday night service was held at North Oak Ridge Baptist Church. Mary Sue Gomez assisted John in the work. We appreciate these two fine young people who gave of their time, love and concern.

Mrs. Clarence Vassar taught the Home Mission Study, "Challenge of the Cities," 150 attended.

The Yadkin Association asked each church to design a flag and the most original one would be selected. The Acteens flag of First Baptist Church of Yadkinville was chosen. The flag was presented to the Annual Session, October 22, 1982. We deeply appreciate these young ladies and the beautiful flag they made. The Association asked each church to design its own flag with the name of the church and date established. These flags will be presented at the WMU Annual Session, April 27, 1982, in the "Parade of Flags."

"As I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me."

1983 Sandy Springs Baptist Church was host to the 70th Annual Meeting, May 2, 1983. The theme of the program was "Accountable To God." The GA's, RA's, and Acteens had the opening part of the service with the beautiful "Parade of Flags." Mrs. Ann Wood gave the devotion and prayer by Rev. Paul Simpson. Memorial Meditations was given by Mrs. W. L. Wood. The Sandy Springs Singers sang three beautiful Easter anthems directed by Mrs. Mary Jane Smith.

Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Middleton were guest speakers. They brought greetings from Chile where they have served as Foreign Missionaries for more than 31 years. They are now retired. At the close of the service, a gift of money, food, and groceries were presented to them by Mrs. Page Shermer.

Emphasis has been projected through the WMU to assist in the Migrant Ministry. Phillip Shuford, a journeyman to South America, assisted John Jones during the summer. Our ladies prepared 296 Health Kits and Bibles were given by the Gideons. Bible Study each Sunday evening was held at Mountain View Baptist Church, and taught by Mrs. Gwen Angell. She is the sister of John Jones. Their father is Archie Jones, who is a missionary in Chile. The Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women prepared supper for those attending the Bible Study.

Mrs. Doris Walters, serving in Tokyo, Japan, at the University of Tokyo, taught the Foreign Mission Study. Mrs. Faye Fincannon of Elkin taught the Home Mission Study. A Christmas gift of $400.00 was given to North Carolina Correctional Center. Mrs. Brenda Hollyfield, Acteens Director and 60 Acteen girls had a "Sleep-In Retreat" at Boonville Baptist Church. Rev. Larry Thompson, pastor of Boonville Baptist Church was guest speaker. Mrs. Linda Kent and Mrs. Ruth Matthews, GA Directors, gave a skating party at the Roller Palace in Yadkinville. They enjoyed fun and fellowship together. We have seen added growth in all WMU organizations. Baptist Young Women at Blaise, First Baptist Yadkinville, Courtney and Bethel. We rejoice that the Young Women in our Association are seeing the vision of missions.

Mrs. Page Shermer presented Rev. Clarence Vassar a Certificate of Achievement Recognition awarded to the WMU of the Yadkin Association by Mrs. Horace McRay, State WMU President, to be hung in the Associational office. Offerings: State Missions $22,497; Home Missions $25,070; and Foreign Missions $51,219.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good work, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10.

1984 The 71st Annual Meeting was held with Deep Creek Baptist Church, May 7, 1984. The theme of the program was "Partnership In Prayer and Ministry." Rev. and Mrs. Dan Stanley gave the devotional and prayer. A medley of music was rendered by Mrs. Melva Gough, organist and Mrs. Janice Shore, pianist. The congregation sang majestically "Sweet Hour of Prayer," directed by Mrs. Billy Shelton.

Mrs. Horace Jester gave special recognition to all the Associational WMU Directors. She presented each one a red rose in appreciation of their years of service, their concerns and dedication to the work in the Association. They were: Mrs. W. E. Brooks, Mrs. L. H. Todd, Mrs. H. B. Shore, Mrs. Page Shermer. Mrs. Iva Byrd was unable to attend the meeting. She served as WMU Director for two years. A pink rose was presented to Mrs. Worth Hinshaw in loving memory of her sister, Mrs. Charlie Gough who went to be with her Lord November, 1984. Mrs. Gough served as WMU Director of the Yadkin Association 2 years. She was very dedicated Christian, always kind and compassionate and interested in the work. A memorial gift of money was given in memory of Mrs. Gough to help purchase chimes for Flat Rock Baptist Church.

Mrs. Roland Legans gave a brief history of Deep Creek Baptist Church 100th Anniversary. Mrs. Brenda Hollyfield read a beautiful poem in memory of all those who have gone to be with the Lord since we last met. Special music was by the Deep Creek Baptist Church Choir entitled "Peace." Mrs. Michael Ledbetter, missionary to Mexico, brought an inspirational message.

Rev. Dan Stanley taught the Foreign Mission Study. He served as a journeyman for almost two years in Africa. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Eskew taught the Home Mission Study. They had been on a tour with the Home Mission Board, on the West Coast. They told of the need of more churches and people who would be willing to hear God's call. The churches sent $400.00 to the Women's Correctional Center, Raleigh, to purchase Christmas gifts.

The Spanish Baptist Chapel Fund is $1,152.30. We are pleased to see a great concern and interest in providing a place for the Spanish people to worship. About 300 Health Kits and Bibles were given to the migrants during the summer. May we be loyal to the task He has called us to do. May we pray together, serve together, and rejoice together.

> "Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God. Be wise in the way you act toward those who are not believers, making good use of every opportunity you have." Colossians 4:2, 5.

1985 The 72nd Annual WMU Meeting will he held at Courtney Baptist Church, May 6, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. The theme of the program is "By Love Compelled." The emphasis for the year is "Come Grow with Us." Our goal is to double our enrollment in 1988. The Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina will observe its 100th Anniversary in 1986. Woman's Missionary Union of the Yadkin Association are making plans for a big celebration next year. Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention will observe its 100th Anniversary in 1988. The Centennial Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Ralph Coram, has been busy compiling the WMU history of their churches.

A "Historical Fashion Sketch" will be presented by the ladies of various churches in the Association. The guest speaker will be Miss Pat Richie, Baptist Young Women's Consultant of Raleigh. We are looking forward to having Miss Richie with us.

Mrs. Page Shermer has completed the history of Woman's Missionary Union of the Yadkin Association. She has gathered most of the information from the Yadkin Baptist Associational Minutes dating from 1912 to March 25, 1985. Mrs. Shermer highly commends these "Saintly Ladies" for their courage and faith in launching out to do God's will. We see through their efforts that the missionary endeavor has touched so many lives. The offerings have grown from a few dollars to millions of dollars in supporting the missionaries. God will continue to lead the women, young people and little children as they study and pray and give. Let us keep ourselves informed of the world around us and move forward with actions that will bring love and hope to lost people around the world.

Each year, special emphasis has been projected through the WMU to assist in the Migrant Ministry in the county. Our ladies and young people made about 350 Health Kits to be distributed in the work. Bibles were provided by the American Bible Society and the Gideons. Gilbert Flores and John Jones worked during the summer, going to different Migrant Camps and homes witnessing and distributing the Bibles and Health Kits.

We were privileged to have Mrs. Jack Gentry, our own missionary, from Taiwan, teach the Foreign Mission Study. Mrs. Gentry's husband, Jack, is formally from Boonville and is studying Pastoral Care at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Their two children are attending college. Jan is a senior at Appalachian State University and Jay is a freshman at Wake Forest University. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Eskew of First Baptist Church of Yadkinville taught the Home Mission Study, "Light Up the Land," with a good attendance.

Last Christmas a wonderful spirit of Christian love was evident during the holidays as all churches participated in the love offering of $300.00 was sent to the Women's Correctional Center in Raleigh. With your money you put in the box an assortment of personal items, scripture portions and a hand signed Christmas card. A thank you note was received: "You have made my Christmas much brighter, just by caring. I know God cares, and you are His workers. May God bless the goodness of people such as all of you. Thank you" Barbara (a Correctional Center resident).

We are pleased to see a great concern and interest in knowing that in the days to come the Spanish Baptist Chapel will become a reality. The ladies have given $1,600.30 to help get a place to worship for the Spanish speaking people. May God continue to bless you for your faithfulness.

You have been good stewards as you gave so generously to the "Disaster Fund" for food, clothing, and money when the tornadoes struck in eastern North Carolina. Again, you gave of yourselves "By Love Compelled."

One of the highlights of the past year was the Prayer Retreat held in August, at Deep Creek Baptist Church. The Retreat was planned by Prayer Chairperson, Mrs. Clarence Vassar. Mrs. Donice Harrod, High Point, led a very inspirational service in a time of Bible Study and prayer. There was a large crowd attending.

As I take a look back over the 72 years of the Woman's Missionary Union work, I am amazed by the vision, the faith and the loyalty to God, these women had. They laid a firm foundation that have withstood the storms of life. Their goal was to keep moving forward. They have kept the fires burning by that great scripture, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" Phillipians 4:13. We praise God for these "Pioneer Women" who have left a great legacy for us. We will continue to tell the story of God's love. We will continue to give, and pray and witness that the millions around the world may know of our Savior's love.

Watchword: "Our love should not be just words and talk, it must be true love which shows itself in action." I John 3:18.

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Rock Spring Baptist Church	Mrs. Helen Smith Route 6, Mocksville, North Carolina 27028
Sandy Springs Baptist Church	Mrs. Ann Wood P. O. Box 341, Yadkinville, North Carolina 27055
Shady Grove Baptist Church	Mrs. Marie Vestal Route 1, Jonesville, North Carolina 28642
South Oak Ridge Baptist Church	Mrs. Jo White Route 3, Box 623, Yadkinville, North Carolina 27055
Swaims Baptist Church	Mrs. Ruby Swaim Route 2, Box 74, Boonville, North Carolina 27011
Union Grove Baptist Church	Mrs. Linda Matthews P. O. Box 295, East Bend, North Carolina 27018
West Yadkin Baptist Church	Mrs. Carole Crews P. O. Box 21, Hamptonville, North Carolina 27020
Yadkinville First Baptist Church	Mrs. Jane Eskew P. O. Box 668, Yadkinville, North Carolina 27055
Zion Baptist Church	Mrs. Alvin Jenkins Route 1, Union Grove, North Carolina 28689

WMU History of Arlington First Baptist Church

A group of ladies began meeting in each other's homes as a Bible Study Club with their main goal to build a church in Arlington. Mrs. J. H. Dunman was elected as President and they met once a month. On their third meeting they discovered they had enough money to buy a lot for the church. In July 1936 the first Sunday School was organized and on July 19th after the first revival the church was organized and Rev. Grady Burgiss was elected as the first pastor. Then on March 8, 1938, the Study Club was established as the WMU of Arlington Church with Mrs. Dunman as President and their dues were 10¢ a month. Following this on October 12 the YWA's was organized.

As the church grew so did the WMU with 29 members and the organizing of Sunbeams and GA's.

Mrs. Ruby Haynes became the 2nd WMU President in 1958 and different groups elected to sponsor each division of the WMU such as the YWA's was sponsored by the Annie Burgiss group, Circle #3 sponsored the Intermediate GA's, the General Meeting sponsored the Jr. GA's, and the Mickey Hicks group sponsored the Sunbeams. At this point the WMU really seemed to be at it's peak with 40 members and all groups working and serving the Lord.

The third WMU President was Mrs. Ruth Rose, fourth was Mrs. Virginia Tilley, and fifth was Mrs. Mae Templeton in which all of these ladies fulfilled their duties well and served the Lord in the years as they worked as WMU President and many improvements and changes took place. This leads up to the year 1984 when Mrs. Alene Luffman became President with 25 members.

We give praise and glory to our Lord that there was the concern in Arlington from the first group of ladies that saw the need of a church in Arlington. We are still ministering to the needs in our community and spreading the gospel here for the honor and glory of his name. We are Women's Missionary Union of Arlington First Baptist Church!

Mrs. Alene Luffman, Historian

WMU History of Bear Creek Baptist Church

The minutes of our organization before 1973 have been misplaced. As a young bride in this church, I recall that around 1949 or so Mrs. Fannie Foster of the Rock Spring Baptist Church and Mrs. Sallie Bet Allgood of the Yadkin Baptist Association met with our ladies after Sunday School one Sunday. They presented to us the idea of organizing a WMU. The first meeting was held in my home.

It is said that in earlier years there had been an organization. I really do not know for sure, but legend says Mrs. Nat Stanley had been one of the presidents. I do know that since 1949 we have had an on-going organization. The Reverend W. C. Barkley, our pastor at the time, encouraged us even though he lived in Troutman and his wife was not able to join the WMU. He encouraged us through special programs, announcements, etc.

Our minutes are complete from 1973 to the present time. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was $450 in 1973, and in 1984 it was $1,800. So we have increased each year. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering became a real concern, and our goals have steadily increased over the years. Our goal this year is $1,600. We have participated in the Heck-Jones Offering, Baptist Hospital Linen Funds, and the ministry to the Women's Central Prison in Raleigh. We have participated in all the Associational Mission Study Courses.

I feel Lorene Hutchins was our inspiration in our mission work. She had a very good background, having attended Columbia Bible College. She had personal friends who were missionaries around the world, and they shared with us and encouraged us from time to time. We have made some plans to have a church library in her memory in the near future. Another great missions enthusiast was Mrs. Lorene Smoot, one of our first presidents. Both these leaders were very active as long as their health allowed.

WMU History of Bear Creek Baptist Church

Our membership has remained rather constant with 14 members now under the leadership of President Elaine Cutler.

One of our members, Mrs. Patricia Shelton, serves as Associational WMU Chorister.

Two of our members, Frances Beck and Pearlene Reavis, are charter members.

The WMU at Bear Creek has grown over the years and now, in addition to Baptist Women, we have Mission Friends and GA's.

In the summer of 1984, the Baptist Women made a complete listing of the grave markers in the cemetery. This will be compiled and printed, and a copy placed in the church library and in the Davie County Public Library.

Our church was organized in 1792. Plans are being made for a Bicentennial celebration. The Baptist Women are committed to assisting the Church Historian in gathering materials and pictures as well as information regarding baptisms, weddings, births, deaths, and other events which will present the march of Bear Creek Baptist Church and its members for the past 200 years.

Mrs. Frances Beck, Historian

WMU History of Bethel Baptist Church

The Woman's Missionary Union was organized at Bethel Baptist Church in 1917. Mrs. Sanford Hanes was elected president, but it was discontinued in 1921. It was reorganized in 1927 and discontinued again in 1929. In 1950 the future looked brighter when the ladies banned together and decided to organize and to be faithful to the Lord's work. The work was slow but a light has continued to glow through the years.

Many projects have been accomplished. The ladies built the sidewalks at the church, prepared meals when there was a special need in the community, built a ramp at the church for the handicapped, supported Rev. Ellis Fulbright, a foreign missionary. Each summer the ladies have made migrant health kits, given money to the Correctional Center in Raleigh to purchase Christmas gifts, given money to the Spanish Baptist Chapel and to the linen offering at the Baptist Hospital (which has been discontinued now). We have canned food and made quilts for the Orphanage.

The Baptist Young Women were organized in 1980 under the leadership of Mrs. Harriet Shelmer and Mrs. Nancy Neely. They have grown and been very active in missions. They paid for the cushions for the pews, made Thanksgiving baskets for the shut-ins, gave $100 to the Togo project. A member of the church, Paul Gough volunteered to go to Togo, February 28, 1985, for one month to drive a bulldozer. The BYW's gave $200 to the Bread of Life Chapel, a new mission started in the association. They are sponsoring a needy family in the community and have collected clothes for a clothes closet. They gave $150 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and $150 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. These young ladies are very interested in reaching out in the community and always ready to serve the Lord where there is a need.

God has richly blessed our work as we look forward to carrying out His commission.

Mrs. Lillie Haynes, Historian

WMU History of Blaise Baptist Church

The WMU of Blaise Baptist Church was organized in 1961 with Mrs. Ruth Jones as President. This first year they met five nights in observance of the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer. The Lottie Moon offering was $105. By 1962 the WMU had grown to 20 members under the leadership of Mrs. Jones. They also had 25 Sunbeams.

In 1964 the GA's, RA's, and YWA's were organized under the leadership of Mrs. Lester Blackwelder. Through the years the WMU and the related organizations have been a strong arm of the church. At one time the WMU was discontinued but was reorganized in 1971. Some of the activities of these groups were to visit and minister in several ways to the prison camp, nursing homes and individual families. We placed Bibles in the church pews, helped with college expenses where there was a need, and sent love offerings to other churches. The WMU ladies have taken the responsibility of spring and fall cleaning of the educational building and the sanctuary throughout the history of the church.

During these years Peggy Angell organized and served as leader for the Acteens. These girls took great pride in their activities. They sold candy to buy flatware and other supplies for the kitchen. The Acteens had picture cards of the church printed to pass out to visitors and absentees. Much interest was shown in presenting a play, "What's Left of a Life" which was the story of the life of Annie Armstrong. One of the Acteens girls, Regina Riggan, applied and was awarded a scholarship through the Acteens to attend Meredith College. She is now married to John Chandler and the Youth Director of our church. As these girls grew up and married they took part in the White Bible Ceremonies which were directed by the WMU.

In 1982 our first BYW was organized with 6 members under the leadership of Anne Blackwelder. There are now 14 active members. These young women have strived very hard to meet the ideals and goals of the BYW organization. Each month a meeting is held with emphasis on learning about mission work-both home and foreign- and to pray for the support of the missionaries. Extensive utilization is made of the "Comtempo" magazine. Each quarter a business meeting is held. Ongoing support for missions is a priority goal. A cookbook was complied in 1984 and is being sold to support the building of a church in Brazil. Local missions needs are met by helping families or individuals in the community. There women also support state and associational meetings and retreats. At present a 6-week seminar utilizing the Witnessing Women's Clinic is being conducted.

Many things have been accomplished by the WMU through the years. Blaise Baptist Church looks forward to having a growing and vital WMU.

The Directors of the WMU at Blaise Baptist Church through the years were:

1961 - 1964	Mrs. Ruth Jones
1964 - 1965	Mrs. Lester Blackwelder
1965 - 1966	Mrs. Peggy Joyner
1966 - 1967	Mrs. Pat Kelly
1967 - 1971	There are no records.
1971 - 1976	Mrs. Nellie Angell
1976 - 1979	Mrs. Jean Dartt
1979 - 1981	Mrs. Loretta Martin
1981 - 1983	Mrs. Evelyn Howell
1983 - 1985	Mrs. Peggy Angell

We now have: 22 WMU members; 8/5 Mission Friends/Nursery; 5 GA members; and 14 BYW.

Mrs. Evelyn Howell, Historian

WMU History of Boonville Baptist Church
1912 - 1985

The Boonville Baptist Church ladies organized the first WMU in Yadkin County in 1912. Miss Della Woodhouse was instrumental in this organization. It is believed that it began with the Della Woodhouse Circle and Sunbeam Band. From associational records we know that Boonville had a growing society from the beginning. The associational reports state that in 1931 Boonville had a "Close B" which was next to the Standard of Excellence (the highest WMU achievement). Boonville WMU was an A-1 organization in 1940, including Intermediate and Junior GA's. In 1945 Boonville Baptist received special recognition for having met requirements for Standard of Excellence--the only A-1 organization in the association.

The WMU grew from one group in 1912 to seven in 1985. The first group was the Della Woodhouse group organized in 1912. Miss Della, for whom the circle is named, was the organizer of WMU work in Boonville, so it is very fitting that a circle be named for her. In this group are the older ladies of the Boonville Church. Many of the members have been active in WMU work since the 1920's. The earliest records we have for this group are for 1957. At that time there were 16 members. The group now has three honorary members (those not able to attend) and six active members. This group lost its oldest member in January of 1985 when Mrs. T. W. Martin passed away. She was active in her circle until her death at 94. The Jonesville Baptist has a circle named for Miss Della Woodhouse.

The next group organized is the Ruby Daniels. This began about 1940. It is a very active, dedicated group with 14 members. Miss Daniels was a foreign missionary to Hungry in 1935. In 1942 she was guest speaker at the annual associational meeting. Later she married a Hungarian.

The next circle organized was the Imogene Middleton group. It began in the 1940's. Imogene Anthony (Mrs. Hubert Middleton) is a native a Lone Hickory, attended Courtney High School and UNC-G in 1939. She and her husband served as missionaries to Chile. In 1983 they retired and now reside in Lone Hickory. The Imogene Middleton group has eleven faithful members. It is a current mission group and has been a very active group in area rest homes. They have visited and fed patients, made throws, bibs, tray favors and wreaths for Christmas and many other things. They have participated in mission action as far away as Kansas. Mrs. Harvey Gentry, mother of Jack Gentry, missionary to Taiwan, is a member of this group.

The next group to be formed was the Inabelle Coleman. Miss Coleman, a native of North Carolina, was missionary to China and Formosa, appointed in 1945. She passed away in 1959. The Inabelle Coleman, a current missions group, has ten members.

In 1950 a meeting was held to organize the Mattye Craver circle. It was in the home of Jenny Lynn Motsinger who lived upstairs at Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coran's. In 1961 this circle divided. Thus was formed the Stella Austin Group.

Miss Austin is a missionary to Africa, who claims Lenoir, North Carolina, as home. She has served 35 years in Nigeria, West Africa, as a teacher and principal. Much of the time she has taught at a Baptist College of all black men. This, too, is a currect missions group with ten members.

The Mattye Craver group was named after a member of our church. Mrs. Craver became WMU leader when Miss Della Woodhouse died of a brain tumor in 1929. Mrs. Craver came to Boonville in 1916 and was active in WMU from the beginning, serving as superintendent of the Yadkin Association for 13 years. In 1953 she was the state community missions chairman. She served on the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Hospital, was a Sunday School teacher and choir member. Mrs. Kelly Barnette, daughter of Mrs. Craver, described her mother as one who loved people and was interested in meeting their needs. This is also the aim and purpose of the Mattye Craver Group. This is the largest group with 23 very active members. This group helps meet the needs of many people in the community, but its favorite project is the Senior Citizen Banquet. This is given each year to honor the older members of our church. It is an opportunity to say thank you to those who are responsible for the strength of our WMU and church.

The seventh and newest group is the Morning Mission Group. The first meeting was on April 11, 1984. Beginning with four members, it now has 10. They meet on the second Wednesday morning of each month.

The Sunbeams were the first of the children's groups to be organized. In the early 1920's, Mrs. Roy Boles, a niece of Miss Della Woodhouse, remembers coming to Sunbeams although she was Methodist. Mrs. Vera Jessup remembers going to Sunbeams around 1918, when Mrs. Craver was leader. They would meet on Saturday afternoon and Mrs. Craver would bring her baby, who is now a retired citizen. We also know that Mrs. Gladys Jones Haynie was a Sunbeam leader at the age of 12. Sometime in the 1920's she attended the state WMU, held in the Lenoir-Hickory area, and was the youngest leader there. The delegates stayed in homes of the guest church.

The next records of Sunbeams are in 1955 when Mrs. Lou Coram was leader, serving for two years. At this time the Sunbeams met twice monthly-once with the leader and once at night at church (4th Wednesday night). Mrs. Coram remembers taking the children to Sunbeam Day Camp. A Mrs. Williamson taught Under the Olive Tree one year and Bonnie Baptist at another time. Mrs. Freida Speer became leader in 1957 and continued for 18 years. From 1959 until 1965 there were two groups, beginner and primary. At one time in the 1960's there was a nursery group. During these years Mrs. Arlie Steelman and Mrs. Olive Smith lead some of these groups. Today there is a Mission Friends which meets every Wednesday night.

There are little records concerning the GA's. We know that Boonville had a GA group in 1940 because this group was awarded the A1 Organization during the associational meeting that year. Since I was a GA in the early to mid 1960's, I know the GA's were very active. There were several presentation services. One was held October 6, 1963, by the Junior group. The forward steps bracelets were presented by the mothers and the emblems by Mrs. Benny Webb and Mrs. Robert Morrison.

The following are some of the people who have served as GA leaders: Mrs. John Dobbins, Mrs. Allen Jessup, Mrs. James Hurt, Mrs. Benny Webb, Mrs. Carolyn Woodruff, Mrs. Arlie Steelman, Mrs. Robin Vann, Mrs. Grady Shore and Mrs. Sammy Keaton.

Today we have one GA group with ten members. Most of the girls have passed off one or more "mission steps" and have been given awards. Mrs. Pon Jones with Mrs. LaVae Hicks and Mrs. Sammy Keaton, as craft leader, work with these girls. They report a very active and loving group of girls.

Enon organized the first YWA group in our association in 1931. Soon afterwards, Mrs. Craver began a group in Boonville. Mrs. Kathryn Jones has an article from the Winston-Salem Journal dated December 22 about the year 1937 or 38. The group met in the home of Mrs. J. Wade Shore with Mrs. Roy Reece as hostess. Kathryn Jones was elected president; Mrs. Allen Jessup, vice-president; Mrs. Anita Reece, secretary-treasurer; Dorothy Coram, program leader, and Louise Abrams, mission study leader. Mrs. Craver gave a program on work in Nigeria.

In the 1960's the YWA's were a very active group, meeting twice a month. One of the meaningful things that the YWA's did was having White Bible Ceremonies for brides-to-be; thus providing them with a Bible to carry on their wedding day. Some YWA leaders have been: Mrs. Bill Dobbins, Mrs. Bobby Adams, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Mrs. Elaine Poindexter, Mrs. Carolyn Cook and Mrs. Hazel Dezern. At the present Boonville has an active group meeting each Wednesday night with Miss Janene Steelman as leader.

The WMU was also responsible for the RA's at one time. We do not know when the RA's were organized, but Mrs. Arlie Steelman was leader for ten years about 1945 to 1955. The group grew until there were 35 boys in RA's. They met in the basement of Mrs. Steelman's home. The boys brought nail kegs and Mrs. Steelman made cushions for them. In addition to regular meetings, the boys meet each month to play ball with other RA groups in the county. Finally the group was divided and the older boys were lead by Mr. G. H. Hudler. In the late 1960's the Brotherhood took the responsibility for the RA's.

The WMU of the Boonville Baptist Church is the heart of the church. Each of the seven groups meet each month in a home or the church. In addition there is a general meeting once a month except for December and March. During these months we have a five day week of prayer for foreign and home missions.

The WMU started a nursery in our church in the mid 1950's and was fully responsible for it until 1983. For several years the group bought Bibles for all Sunbeams being promoted to GA's or RA's. The WMU was called on to prepare for any special occasion or dinner. They have always assumed responsibility for VBS refreshments and flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays. Since 1979 it has contributed to world hunger relief and sent support to Jack and Ruby Gentry in Taiwan. The WMU tries to meet the needs that are presented to the ladies.

Boonville Baptist Church has also been blessed with some very strong leadership in our program. Miss Della Woodhouse, who began our WMU was also associational leader. Mrs. Mattye Craver led the associational WMU for 13 years. From the Boonville church came Mrs. W. E. Brooks who led the associational work for 21 years from 1946 to 1967. Later our group was led by Mrs. Roby Wagoner who served for more than twenty years. Since October of 1982, Mrs. Freida Speer and Mrs. Cathy Baldwin have provided strong leadership.

Mrs. Renee Jones, Historian

WMU History of Charity Baptist Church
1913-1985

May 13, 1913, the first Woman's Missionary Society was organized at Charity Baptist Church, with five members. The Sunbeams were organized at the same time with twenty-three present. We are not sure how long the organization lasted.

In 1936 some ladies along with Mrs. Mattye Craver from Boonville Baptist Church came down and organized a Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Lucy Wilhelm was elected President and Miss Hazel Comer, Vice-President, but it died in infancy.

Several years later in the late spring or early summer of 1947, Mrs. Dell Mock, Mrs. Jettie Motsinger, Mrs. Mollie Speer and Mrs. Mattye Craver came down from Boonville Baptist Church one Sunday afternoon to help us reorganize. The ladies from Charity were Mrs. Pauline Vestal, Mrs. Lydia Burgess, Mrs. Opal Norman, Mrs. Ida Vestal, Mrs. Vonnie Mae Parker, and Mrs. Pauline Stinson. Officers were elected that day. Mrs. Vonnie Mae Parker, President, and Mrs. Pauline Stinson, Vice-President.

Later the GA's were organized with Mrs. Pauline Stinson as leader, also the Sunbeams with Mrs. Vonnie Mae Parker as leader. As we grew in Christian fellowship and in number we were able to organize the YWA's with Mrs. Lucille Groce as leader and the RA's with Bill Comer as leader. It wasn't until the latter part of 1975 or early 1976 we organized the Baptist Young Women with Mrs. Brenda Blevins as leader.

In 1944 the association met at Charity and special recognition was given to Mrs. Amanda Coram, widow of the last Rev. R. P. Coram, pastor of Charity Baptist Church. She was the oldest member attending the associational meeting.

In 1954 our Woman's Missionary Society was named the Amanda Coram Circle in her memory.

Our WMU has been very helpful in sending our young people to Ridgecrest and Caswell. Also in planning Mother & Daughter Banquets for our GA's and Father & Son overnight camp for the RA's.

The Week of Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions has been a highlight in our church and with our missionaries coming and sharing first hand about their work for the Lord in other countries, has made us see our need to <u>give</u> and <u>pray</u> more.

May God bless us as we work together in our association for His cause, winning people to Christ.

Mrs. Pauline Stinson, Historian

WMU History of Courtney Baptist Church

On November 2, 1947, Rev. Alvis C. Cheshire came to Courtney Baptist Church as shepherd and full-time pastor. Our church was very strong in Training Union at this time, but Mrs. Cheshire saw need of forming a WMU in the church. We organized and had our first meeting on November 22, 1948.

The following is a list of the first officers who served: Mrs. A. C. (Gladys) Cheshire, President; Mrs. Ray T. (Manilla) Moore, Vice President; Miss Lee May Lowery, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. Poy (Fairy) Craver, Community Mission Chairman. We had approximately twenty-four members in the beginning and grew to about thirty-six in later years.

It was after the Cheshires left us that we saw a need for dividing our WMU into two circles. The older ladies called their circle "The Gertrude Martin Circle" after one of our beloved members who passed away on Mother's Day, May 13, 1951; and the younger ladies chose the name of "The Gladys Circle" to honor Mrs. Cheshire since she did so much for us while at Courtney.

The WMU continues to serve as the backbone of the church emphasizing local, state, and foreign missions as their primary function. We now have two circles; one made up of ladies 30 and above and the other, Baptist Young Women, which was formed within the past year.

Mrs. Irma Shelton, Historian

WMU History of East Bend Baptist Church

East Bend Baptist Church has been involved in missions for many years. The number taking part has been varied from year to year due to ages and numbers of church members.

Around 1895 much interest was being demonstrated by Mrs. Cora "Verge" Martin, a former native of Virginia. She was interested in education and missions. Mrs. Martin and her daughters, Florence and Beulah, studied together. Beulah played the organ for church activities and had planned to be a missionary, but circumstances prevented. Mrs. Martin led in modernizing the church activities. Sunday school classes were formed and a Sunbeam Band was organized for children; adult women met monthly for mission study meetings.

A little lady, Mrs. Martha Hauser Butner, moved to East Bend in the brick house across the road from the church. She was a faithful Christian and worked faithfully with Sunbeams and a junior class of boys and girls for many years.

Mrs. Mary Myers Johnson along with others belonged to a WMU organization and held monthly meetings. This group was faithful, even though they had few resources to use and small amounts of money.

Once during this period, the only offering reported to the association, other than the pastor's salary, was an offering of $10 ladies had from their monthly gifts of dimes, saved for missions. Some other faithful members of group were Mrs. Laura Honeycutt, Mrs. Maggie Dean, Mrs. H. E. Davis, Mrs. A. O. Joines, Mrs. Anne Mae Kirk, Mrs. Ruth K. Tomlinson, and Mrs. Eva Johnson.

When the Laurence Todds moved to East Bend, Mrs. Todd became active in church work and brought inspiration to group by being a good leader.

As New Church was being planned and built, more interest was being taken in missions and Sunday School activities. For several years different organizations were active. Several attended and supported the WMU meetings. Some of activities were Study Courses to attend, Week of Prayer observed yearly, Prayer Retreats and the special offerings.

Other faithful members over years were Mrs. Annie Lee Lewis, Mrs. Melissa Tomlinson, Mrs. John Choplin, Mrs. Betty Smitherman, Mrs. Edna Steelman, and Mrs. Carolyn Smitherman.

For several years Mrs. Mattie Lou Davis was leader for a group of Mission Friends.

Many families moved away, young folks left for school and work and organizations diminished.

Two circles were formed - Prayer Group and Mission Action Group. Only a group of older women kept the mission work going as the Mission Action Group.

In the fall of 1984, Mrs. Louise Poindexter was elected President, with help of interested ladies of our church, we are grateful to have all WMU organizations active in studying missions. We seek to engage in Mission Action and personal witnessing, support missions with all organizations that have organized and are functioning at this time.

Mrs. Eugenia Poindexter,
Historian

WMU History of Enon Baptist Church
1913-1985

The year was 1913 Enon Baptist Church did not have any organized mission groups. Preaching was only once a month, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, and women did not speak openly in church in those days. Mrs. Ida Reece Kiger, a most dedicated teacher, and worker in our church, and Mrs. Annie Conrad Harris talked much about missions and one preaching service Mrs. Kiger arose and spoke, she said "I do not know what you men will say, but we women want to start a Woman's Missionary Society in our church." The men agreed, and so it began.

1913 WMU was organized with Ola Hutchens as president and 15 members. Not reported in associational minutes.

1913 Sunbeams organized with Ola Hutchens as leader. 15 members.

1913 YWA organized - Mrs. Hoots and Fannie Saylor as leaders. 18 members.

1934 GA's (now Acteens) organized with 16 members. This has been a strong group.

1934 RA's (Royal Ambassadors) organized with 18 members.

1956 all mission groups active with total of 81.

YWA have had their ups and downs.

1958 the WMU split and formed 2 circles, a Day Circle and a Night Circle to accommodate the working ladies.

1974 Mission attendance strong - 114.

Last 10 years our attendance dropped but our gifts increased.

Women who were strong supporters in the early years were Mrs. B. K. Mason, Mrs. J. J. Roddick, Miss Della Woodhouse, Assoc. President and Mrs. Mattye Craver, Assoc. President. All our presidents since then and our good leaders in our church who give so much of themselves in the work here at Enon. The Brotherhood has been a strong support for us. At present the Enon Woman's Missionary Society membership in 1985 is 26 and we sponsor all other mission groups.

MARY NICHOLSON,
HISTORIAN

WMU History Of Deep Creek Baptist Church
1935-1985

Deep Creek Baptist Church was chartered two years before the Woman's Missionary's Union of the Southern Baptist Conventinn was organized. But many years were to go by before the need for organized Women's Missionary work in the church was recognized. So it was a red-letter day in the life of Deep Creek when, on October 19, 1935 Mrs. D.H. Craver, Associational Missionary Superintendent, met with a few interested women to lead in the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society, as it was called then. Mrs. J. G. Allgood was elected president and there were eleven charter members. The offering was $.56. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that first year was $.55. The Home Mission Offering was $1.00.

While foreign, State and Home Missions is the main emphasis of the woman's Missionary Union, in no way has Deep Creek neglected the community and Association. Reviewing the minutes has revealed many interesting things. In December, 1952 the group agreed to join the other societies in the Assnciation in "sending a dressed hen to the local hnspital for Christmas dinner". Hnspital gowns for children were also made and donated. Food was canned and quilts made and taken to the Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville. A Christmas tree was provided for the County Home. During World War II Bibles, boxes of food, stationery and toiletries were sent to service men. Service, food and clnthing have been provided as the need arose.

Contributions were made to the Christian Action League tn help with Liquor-By-the Drink Referendum. This is just to name a few of the many worth-while projects we have done over the years.

The idea for many church projects originated in the Woman's Missionary Society with much of the work being done by the members. Making baptismal robes and draperies for the pastorium and Sunday School classrooms was a joint effort with the instigatinn coming from the Woman's Missionary Society. Such projects as buying new pews, a silver communion set, and isle runners in the old church were taken over by the church.

The nrganization has always been very supportive of youth organizations, helping to pay camp registrations, providing transportation, refreshments, etc. Much of the leadership for youth organizations, including the Royal Ambassadors, for several years, has come from the Woman's Missionary Society, now called Baptist Women.

W.M.U. leaders have been, in addition to Mrs. J.G. Allgood, Miss. Pearl Legans, Mrs. Lillian Todd Irwing, Mrs. Earl Todd, Mrs. Dianne Hoots and Mrs. Harriet Shermer.

Attendance at State, Southern Baptist Convention (Ridgecrest), associational workshops, leadership training sessions, study courses and local meetings has always been good.

The membership has fluctuated up and down over the years. At the present time, the Young Baptist Women is a very active organization. These are young mothers who will strive to keep the mission fire burning that grew from a spark lit in 1935 by a small group of deciated mission minded Christian Women who saw a need. Their dedication and vision has helped to make the entire church membership more aware and supportive of both foreign and local missions as we work together to carry out the Great Commission. Just this year the Baptist Men's organization came into being and thirty of the men in the church have committed themselves to have a personal share in the mission work of Deep Creek as they lend their support, ministry and witness tn this great cause.

Frances Legans
Historian
Deep Creek Baptist Women

WMU History of Flat Rock Baptist Church

The WMU of Flat Rock Baptist Church was organized in late 1919 or early 1920 according to a letter from Mrs. E. W. Turner to Mrs. Leora Williams. In the minutes that Mrs. Turner had, dated 1920, the 12 charter members were: Mrs. Ethel Arnold, Mrs. Lula Angell, Miss Della Arnold, Miss Betty Burgess, Mrs. John Burgess, Mrs. Cora Cooper, Mrs. Ellen Johnson, Mrs. Nath Steelman, Mrs. Bettie Steelman, Mrs. John Reece, Mrs. Tule Williams, and Mrs. E. W. Turner.

In one of the first minutes we have record of dated Sunday, January 25, 1925, the WMU met with Mrs. Stella Steelman opening the meeting with the hymn "Christ Arose," played on the Victrola. Mrs. Cora Cooper was president at that time. She later went as a missionary from our church to Nigeria, Africa.

Some later presidents and chairman of circles (as they were sometimes called) were Mrs. E. W. Turner, Mrs. Maude Paris, Mrs. Stella Steelman, Mrs. Margaret Gough, Mrs. Leora Williams, Mrs. Billie Wright, Mrs. Rachel Wagoner, Mrs. Maggie Reavis, Mrs. Mary Wood, Mrs. Caroline Minshaw, Mrs. Minnie Ruth Brown and our present president, Mrs. Carolyn Davis. At times there were as many as 3 circles in our church. They were named for people in WMU work or missionaries, such as Minnie Turner, Cora Cooper, Lottie Moon, Kathryn Grant, Imogene Middleton. These ladies would meet in the homes of members on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. Later they began to meet at church for General meetings. At the present, we meet in homes of members.

The WMU did many things for missions in our own community. In the minutes recorded in April, 1951, it was decided to put Bibles in the Bell Motor Court. In July of the same year, plans were made to organize a WMU at Mt. View Baptist Church. The circles started taking food to homes when someone died, one circle would take the evening meal and the other the noon meal. At the December, 1951, General Meeting, plans were made to serve a meal at the home of "Uncle Leon Blackburn" who died December 20, 1951.

The WMU of Flat Rock Baptist Church has been in continuous operation since it was organized, sponsoring the YWA, GA's and RA's and Sunbeams. Ladies from the circles were usually leaders. As part of their planned community missions, they visited the nursing home and prison camp and gave programs regularly. They also furnished treats at Christmas and tray favors at Easter. For years, the WMU sent money to Baptist Hospital for linens. They took sunshine boxes to sick and shut ins, prepared and served refreshments for Vacation Bible School, and even helped to buy paint for the Associational Missionary's home. Two of the ladies who were very devoted to this community missions work were Mrs. Bessie Steelman and Mrs. Stella Garner.

We have talked and reminisced about the past years of WMU of Flat Rock Baptist Church. Now I would like to call attention to the present and the future work to be done.

In the last year we have organized a Baptist Young Women's group. There are presently 15 members enrolled. Mrs. Frankie Ireland is the Director. We are very proud of them and the work they are doing. For Valentine they planned and prepared a church-wide banquet to raise money for missions and other projects they plan to do. One of our BYW members, Tenia Brown, her husband, Vaughn, and brother-in-law, Mark, are in Togo, Africa, at the present time helping to dig wells. We are so proud of them as well as all our other WMU Organizations. Our Mission Friends leaders are Mrs. Kim Myers and Mrs. Linda Minton. GA leaders are Mrs. Freida Hall and Mrs. Phyllis Foster. Acteens are directed by Mrs. Lucy Swaim, Baptist Women president is Mrs. Carolyn Davis, WMU Director is Mrs. Peggy Long.

In 1986, the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina will celebrate its 100th birthday. Many things have changed during that time, but one thing has not changed. It is the purpose for which the organization exists. The purpose in the 1980's is the same as it was in the 1890's - to involve women in missions, both directly and through missionaries. Today we are called "Baptist Women" but we are still concerned about the same things, our families, our church, our community, our world. We are still reading, studying, and praying about Lottie Moon and Foreign Missions, Annie Armstrong and Home Missions, and the need for missions next door. We meet and study, share and pray, for we believe that more can be accomplished by working together than by one alone.

Mrs. Peggy Long, Historian

WMU HISTORY OF FORBUSH BAPTIST CHURCH

It has been said that the first Woman's Missionary Society of the Yadkin Baptist Association was begun by Mrs. B. K. Mason, the former Lillian Davis, as early as 1905. Until that time, women did not have a voice in church affairs, but through her studies at Salem College, Winston-Salem, she saw the need for women to become involved in mission so she reorganized Woman's Missionary Society October 13, 1913, with 14 members.

The meetings were held on Saturday afternoon. The work began to grow as the women became involved in Bible study, praying and reaching out to the needs in the community.

The Standard of Excellence was used in the churches and the ladies at Forbush Baptist rated among the highest in the Association in reaching goals.

Much credit is due to the interest and hard work through the leadership of Mrs. Paul Price Davis. She encouraged the ladies to read mission study books and to give to the special offerings. She served as Mission Study Chairman for many years, in the Yadkin Baptist Association. She also taught mission study classes in the Association and in various churches throughout the state.

The Sunbeam Band was organized June 9, 1913, with 15 members by Miss Maude Davis. The Royal Ambassadors was organized about that time under the leadership of Mr. Jess Pardue.

Following Mrs. Mason, who served as WMU Director were: Mrs. H. T. Davis, Mrs. Claude Spillman and Mrs. Jasper Phillips. Mrs. Phillips served for 30 years. The group that she organized is still very active. Later a Prayer Group and Baptist Young Women were organized.

Many projects have been done through the years. A very meaningful time was when two students from Nigeria came and spoke to the ladies. Also a nurse who served on the ship "Hope" was invited to tell of her work.

We have also been involved in giving to the Spanish Baptist Chapel Fund, making Migrant Health Kits, and remembering the women at the Women's Correctional Center in Raleigh at Christmas time.

The Baptist Young Women had their first meeting on October 12, 1981. Becky Poindexter was elected President and Rickie Swaim, Vice President. Both of these women were instrumental in starting the BYW at Forbush Baptist Church and getting it organized. At the first meeting there were nine members present. Other officers were: Sherri Hutchens, Secretary; Linda Holcomb, Treasurer; Marie Pardue, Program Chairman; Robin Carter, Mission Action Chairman; and Betty Phillips, Mission Support Chairman.

Some of the mission activities in their first year (1981-1982) were sponsoring a family at Christmas (through Social Services), making a donation to the Women's Correctional Center, sending get well cards to the sick in the community, preparing food for several sick church members, a Senior Citizens' Luncheon (held in conjunction with the Forbush Baptist Prayer Group), contributing monthly to the Mission Friends, a White Bible Ceremony for a BYW member who was getting married, donating clothing (taken up from all the Sunday School classes) to the Lighthouse Ministry in Winston-Salem, and participating in a worship service at the Lighthouse Ministry.

For the year 1982-1983 the officers were: President, Becky Poindexter; Vice President, Rickie Swaim; Secretary, Sherri Hutchens; Treasurer, Audrey Myers; Program Chairman, Donna McDonald; Mission Action Chairmen, Donna Cornelius and Linda Holcomh; Mission Support Chairman, Betty Phillips.

During the 1982-1983 year, the BYW continued their monthly financial support to the Mission Friends, went Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins, sponsored a child at Christmas, participated in the Woman's Day Services and study course, continued sending cards to the sick in the community, held another Senior Citizens' Luncheon (with the Prayer Group), donated toiletry items to the migrant workers, and donated toy box, toys and curtains to the church nursery.

For the year 1983-1984 the officers were: President, Betty Phillips; Vice President, Rickie Swaim; Secretary, Linda Holcomh; Treasurer, Betty Spillman; Program Chairman, Kathy Williams; Mission Action Chairman, Sherri Hutchens; Mission Support Chairman, Pam Hix.

Some of the activities of the BYW during 1983-1984 were painting the church nursery, sponsoring a family at Christmas, having a breakfast with the Prayer Group during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, holding a White Bible Ceremony for a BYW member getting married, making cross-stitch covered jars of candy for the residents of the Yadkin Retirement Center at Easter, holding Senior Citizens' Luncheon with the Prayer Group, sending get well cards to the sick in the community, sending birthday cards to the "Missionary Kids," and assisting in purchasing a microwave oven for the church.

For the year 1984-1985 the officers are: President, Betty Phillips; Vice President, Debbie Dixon; Secretary, Kathy Williams; Treasurer, Becky Poindexter; Program Chairman, Linda Holcomb; Mission Action Chairman, Rickie Swaim; Mission Support Chairman, Donna McDonald.

The activities so far for the 1984-1985 year have been holding a prayer meeting with the other WMU groups in the church, going Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins, sponsoring a child at Christmas, preparing and having published cookbooks to sell as a fund-raising project, sponsoring two children at Easter, making a donation to the Lottie Moon offering, making a donation to the Department of Social Services, and holding another Senior Citizens' Luncheon (in conjunction with the Prayer Group), sending get well cards, and sending birthday cards to the "MK's".

The Baptist Young Women of Forbush Baptist Church meet monthly and use magazine Contempo to study missions. Also used have been books such as, The Way to Timbuktu and Imperative Impulse. Our group has grown since its inception to include sixteen members. Much emphasis is placed on encouraging women to join in the group and the good fellowship we enjoy. Our BYW members choose "Heart Sisters" each Valentine's Day (which are kept secret until the next year) to whom they give support through prayer and sending cards, or small gifts, at birthdays and Christmas. Also, at each of the meetings we have prayer for the missionaries on the Prayer Calendar and for any member who has prayer requests.

Jean McLelland, Historian

WMU History of Friendship Baptist Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of Friendship Baptist Church was organized in 1938 under the leadership of Mrs. Lawrence Todd. Mrs. Irene Hall Jenkins was elected president and Mrs. Helen Angell, Secretary-Treasurer.

During the forties the Sunbeam Band, Girls Auxillary and Royal Ambassadors were organized. The work was discouraging at times.

There are several projects that we have been involved in during the years. We have given money for linens at the Baptist Hospital, canned food for the Orphanage, served meals when there was a need in the community, and remembered the shut-ins during the year. We have been supportive of the Spanish Baptist Chapel Fund, made Migrant Health Kits, given money for Women's Correctional Center in Raleigh to purchase Christmas gifts and helped the needy in the community. We also help support a school for the Indians.

As we reach out, God has blessed our lives and made us aware that it is so important for us to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Mrs. Calvin Angel, Historian

WMU History of Green Meadows Baptist Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of Green Meadows Baptist Church was organized when the church was constituted. Mrs. Pearl Matthews was elected as the first president. Sometime later, Mrs. Hilda Wallford served as Director followed by Mrs. Pearl Matthews and Mrs. Ethel Winters. At present, Mrs. Lorene Childs is the director.

In the early days of the church, Mrs. Alvis Cheshire was a great help in the mission work. We have seen God's handiwork around us, as we have reached out to the needy and sick in our community.

The 64th Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union met April 28, 1977, 7:3D P.M. at Green Meadows Baptist Church. The theme of the program was "Our Land For Christ." Mrs. Page Shermer, WMU Director of the Association, presided. Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Walford gave the devotion and prayer. Mrs. Allen Jessup led in the Memorial Meditation and Miss LuAnn McCollum brought a beautiful message in song. Rev. J. C. Shore, the Director of Missions, installed the new officers. Mrs. Miles Church, recognized the Acteens Choir. They rendered two beautiful songs. Dr. Eugene Ruble, medical missionary to Indonesia, was the guest speaker. He told of the needs among so many of the people. Benediction was by Rev. Flake Mason.

The WMU has led in many outstanding projects in the community and the association involving many people in the church.

The Youth Organizations have been very active in the church and they have done several projects in the community.

As we look back over the years of Woman's Missionary work, we realize that it has taken much faith and courage to carry on the mission task that our Lord left us to do. "Go and tell."

Mrs. Lorene Childs, Historian

WMU History of Huntsville Baptist Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of Huntsville Baptist Church was organized July 31, 1938 under the leadership of Mrs. J. G. Allgood. There were 16 members on roll. Mrs. Laura Seats was elected as president. The work grew and the women were very interested in the work for a few years. It was discontinued in 1942. It was reorganized in 1959.

As we have reached out into many homes in the community, lives have been touched as we have witnessed to them. Many projects have heen accomplished through our work. We have canned food and made quilts for the Thomasville Orphanage. We provided a "dressed hen" for the Hoots Hospital over Christmas. We encouraged giving to the Mother's Day Offering for the Baptist Hospital. Dinners have been served in homes when there is a death. Christmas baskets are delivered to the shut-ins. The ladies at Women's Correctional Center in Raleigh are remembered each Christmas. Health Kits for the Migrant Ministry are made and we have contributed to the Spanish Baptist Chapel. All these projects are a way of telling others that we care and are concerned about their needs.

Woman's Missionary Union is a vital part of our church family as we give and pray and witness.

Mrs. Jo Ann Pilcher, Historian

WMU History of First Baptist Church of Jonesville

The WMU of the First Baptist Church of Jonesville was organized in 1926. Circles were formed February 23, 1932. The first official meeting of the Rose Marlowe Circle was March 1, 1932 with seventeen charter members present. Officers were elected and monthly dues were set at ten cents. A morning circle was organized for women who worked the evening shift or had children and could not attend the night circles.

A 50th anniversary was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Wilson.

In August, 1983, the WMU program of the church was reorganized and a new program put into effect. The Hattie Roberson Circle has continued through the years. A Baptist Young Women was started for the first time. Two GA groups and Mission Friends were reinstated.

In the past two years the church has had several missionaries visit. For Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Mike and Ethel Ledbetter of Mexico and Hubert and Jean Middleton of Chile shared their experiences. Rob and Mickey Norman, newly appointed, spent their last Sunday in Jonesville before leaving for Uganda. Mrs. Faye Fincannon, former missionary to the Philippines, taught the last Home Mission Study. The church has had graded studies for mission friends through adult organizations for Foreign and Home Mission Studies the past two years. Dale Gentry, volunteer to Togo, shared his experiences with us to promote offering for associational volunteers. He also shared his slides on March 17 at the evening service. Nancy Curtis was guest speaker for WMU Focus Day in February, 1984. In 1985, on Focus Sunday, the Baptist Young Women presented an interpretation of the WMU Emhlem. The WMU Director and other Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women shared what missions meant to them. The various organizations filled the positions of service for the day. One of the past WMU Directors, Pernie Holcomh, was brought from Guardian Care Nursing Home to be honored on that day.

One of Jonesville's members, Frances Cook, surrendered to the call of foreign missions recently and began Southeastern Seminary in the fall in preparation for the call.

Mrs. Sandra Pollard, Historian

WMU History of Mountain View Baptist Church

Mountain View Baptist Church, Hamptonville, N. C., of the Yadkin Baptist Association organized a Woman's Group of the WMS in the summer of 1969. A small group of women under the leadership of Rev. Carnie Shugart and wife, Ernestine met at the church and elected Mrs. Kathleen Pinnix as their first president. Other officers were elected at this time, also.

We began with much enthusiasm as we sought to be good stewards of the Watchword for 1969 -- "Ye shall be witness unto me" Acts 1:8. This enthusiasm has continued through the years as we began to grow with the Missions Friends, Acteens, GA's and RA's organized in 1979 under the leadership of Rev. David Cox and wife, Betty Cox. In 1984 the BYW was organized with Mrs. Norene Vanhoy, president.

One of our most successful projects has heen to sponsor a fund (involving the entire church) for stained windows and light fixtures for the sanctuary. This was in 1983. We have had much success in sponsoring a "Hike for Missions" for Annie Armstrong Offering and "Caroling for Missions" for Lottie Moon Offering.

We have accomplished great things in the church and community and county in the past years and look forward to continued growth and service in all phases of missions.

Mrs. Helen Cheek, Historian

WMU History of Richmond Hill Baptist Church

The vision to organize a Woman's Missionary Society began to become a reality in October of 1951, when seven ladies from Richmond Hill Baptist Church met with Boonville Baptist Woman's Missionary Society during their monthly meeting. In November, Mrs. Lawrence Todd and members of the East Bend WMS came to Richmond Hill and conducted their meeting with some of our women. After receiving the help and encouragement of these two groups, it was decided to organize a Woman's Missionary Society at Richmond Hill Baptist Church. Officers were elected, with Mrs. O. W. (Connie) Hobson as president. It was at her home on January 17, 1952, the first meeting was held. Eleven ladies were present. By the end of the first year membership had grown to 29.

Mrs. Lexie Johnson was elected President in 1953, and Mrs. Violet Sutphin for 1954-55. In February 1955, GA's and YWA's were organized. In May, Sunbeams were started.

At the August meeting in 1956, Mrs. W. E. Brooks, Associational WMU Director, came to explain some changes that were to take place in the organizational structure of the WMU. Changes were made the following year, and our group was divided into three circles a year later. These circles were named in honor of the three oldest charter members: Mrs. Connie Hobson, Mrs. Lura Miller, and Mrs. Susie Jester. The three circles had a combined enrollment of 56. Of the three ladies for whom the circles were named, only Mrs. Lura Miller is presently living (93 years old), but due to her health is unable to attend meetings. Mrs. Katie Lee Davis served as President in 1956, Mrs. Judy Jester 1957-58, Mrs. Elise Pendry 1959-60, Mrs. Della Walker 1962-63, Mrs. Jeanette Hinshaw 1965-66, and Mrs. Faye Burrus 1967.

Another structural changes took place in the last sixties - the emphasis was more on Mission Action, in keeping with our Watchword of the year, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me..." (Acts 1:8). We discontinued using circle names and went to groups: Mission Action Group, Mission Prayer Group, and Mission Study Group. The change also called for a WMU Oirector who would have the overall responsibility of the WMU work of the church. The WMS president would still lead the Women's Missionary groups. Mrs. Faye Burrus, the President at that time, was elected Director in 197D and served through 1977 with the exception of one year (1973). Mrs. Goldie Hobson was Director for 1973. Mrs. Lena Church was elected in 1978 and served for 5 years. At the present time we are under the leadership of Mrs. Judy Hardy.

For various reasons, membership began to decline in the last Sixties. More women working outside the home was probably a big factor, as this decline seemed to be the trend in the association and state. During this time one or more of our youth organizations were discontinued for various reasons, though usually for no more than a year before they were started again. In 1971, Sunbeams became Mission Friends and YWA's changed to Acteens.

A new group was added for young women ages 18-29, known as Baptist Young Women. Our BYW was organized in 1976 with 15 members. It was about this time that increases in membership began to take place once again.

In the beginning, the purpose of the WMU was the same as it is now... to teach missions, to be involved in and to support missions with our prayers and offerings. History shows, while we are not all we could be, we have made progress since our beginning in 1951. The WMU has trained and supported leaders for our youth organizations, conducted and attended mission studies, supplied and encouraged the use of all mission magazines, led our church to give more sacrifically to mission offerings, supported associational work, participated in associational mission projects, been host to associational meetings, provided food and clothing to those in need, contributed to love offerings for needs in our community, conducted prayer retreats, held weeks of prayer, had prayer partners, and have used prayer calendars for missions and missionaries.

Due to lack of records and "detailed" minutes of each meeting, it has been impossible to name all those who held other offices and the years they might have served. Many people come to mind, though, as having helped with these accomplishments over the past 34 years. First and foremost would be the seven ladies in October 1951 that realized a need for a Woman's Missionary Society at Richmond Hill; second, the women who have served as officers and group leaders; third, the ones that work and lead our young people from Mission Friends to Acteens; and fourth, we remember especially all the women that were never an officer or a leader, but were/are faithful and dedicated WMU members, who in their own unique way helped/help promote missions in our church, community, and association.

Current Mission Friend leaders are: Mrs. Shirley Merritt, Mrs. Dana Jester, Mrs. Linda Hobson, and Mrs. Karen Myers. Mrs. Ruth Matthews is GA Director. Mrs. Sherry Pendry, Mrs. Brenda Wishon, Mrs. Marsha Russell, Mrs. Nancy Davis, and Mrs. Jennifer Moser are the leaders. Acteens are led by Mrs. Lena Church and Mrs. Belva Hinshaw. BYW president is Mrs. Linda Hardy. Mrs. Elise Neely is the Baptist Women President.

Meetings are held on a regular basis. Mission Friends meet each Wednesday night, while Acteens and GA's meet the second and fourth Wednesday nights of each month. The Baptist Young Women and Baptist Women meetings are usually held on the first Monday night of each month and on the fourth Wednesday night of each month following our Family Night fellowship meal. It is our continued prayer that each of these organizations will ever strive to be busy carrying out Christ's commission, "... be witnesses unto me...." (Acts 1:8).

Mrs. Judy Jester, Historian

WMU History of Rock Spring Baptist Church

We do not have any records to indicate when the WMU was organized at Rock Spring Baptist Church, Route 2, Harmony, North Carolina. The WMU was first mentioned in the Yadkin Baptist Associational Minutes in 1934. Mrs. Florence Renegar, wife of Rev. Dallas Renegar, pastor at the time, provided the leadership necessary to get the WMU started. We also had GA and Sunbeam groups in the early years of the WMU.

The WMU was a strong organization for many years. The ladies supported several mission causes and helped to raise money for church building projects. According to the church minutes in 1945, the WMU offered to buy shrubs so the church yard could be landscaped. Three ladies from the WMU, Florence Bumgarner, Fannie Foster, and Duo Shaw, were appointed to purchase the necessary shrubbery. Mrs. Sally Bet Allgood worked faithfully with the WMU while her husband, Rev. Glenn Allgood, was pastor from 1946 until 1954.

In 1954 the WMU was discontinued. It was reorganized in 1959 for a short period of time. It was then reorganized in 1981 under the leadership of Mrs. June McClung, wife of the Rev. James McClung, pastor at that time.

Presently we are small in number, but we rejoice in the fact that our mission giving in the church has increased substantially since the WMU was reorganized. We contribute 10% of our total church budget to the Cooperative Program and 5% to the Yadkin Baptist Association. Our total offering on the third Sunday in March is designated for the Annie Armstrong Offering. In September an offering is received for State Missions. In November the third Sunday Offering goes to the Baptist Children's Home. We start our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during the Week of Prayer the first of December with the total church offering on the third Sunday being added to it. Each year we have special programs featuring speakers who emphasize the mission work in each of these areas.

The WMU participates in many mission projects, and the members of the church generously give of their time and talents to assist in these projects. We have made kits for the migrant workers in our area and contributed money through the Yadkin Baptist Associational WMU Christmas fund to the N. C. Women's Prison.

Locally, we provide Christmas baskets for shut-ins, and senior citizens with groups from the church delivering the baskets and singing Christmas carols. Karen Smith teaches Sunday School at Foxmmore Family Care Home each Sunday morning, and the WMU visits there twice a year for refreshments and fellowship. We visit other rest homes in the community for special occasions. We send cards to the sick and hereaved in the community. In the spring of 1984 we helped supply aid to the tornado victims in Eastern North Carolina through the Yadkin Baptist Association. In October we helped our Interim Pastor, Rev. Hubert Middleton, and his wife Imogene, participate in the Partnership Evangelism Team in Chile. We provided some assistance to a Chilean Pastor who was injured in an automobile accident. We also contributed to the Pastors Widows Fund in Chile.

During our Church's Centennial Celebration, in November, 1984, the WMU had the Tuesday Night Program emphasizing the Mission work in the church. Mrs. Harriet Shermer, Yadkin Baptist Associational WMU Director, daughter of former pastor Rev. Glenn Allgood, and Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Middleton, former foreign missionaries to Chile, were the guest speakers. Rev. and Mrs. Archie Jones, foreign missionaries on furlough from Chile, were also present for the occasion.

In 1985 our church, along with other Yadkin Baptist churches, financially aided four volunteers in missions from our association to work in Togo, Africa.

Our WMU has tried to consider the needs of our church and community in setting some goals that are realistic for the coming year. Some of the goals that we have set for this year are: (1) Have a Prayer Retreat at the Church Spring which is the spring memtioned in the Church's original deed; (2) Encourage the young women of the church to form a Baptist Young Women group, and the Youth Leaders to consider organizing Mission groups for the youth of the church; (3) With our pastor's help, prayerfully encourage the men of our church to organize a Brotherhood; and (4) Participate in the Associational Prayer Retreat in October.

Mrs. Helen Smith, Historian

WMU History of Sandy Springs Baptist Church

The Sandy Springs WMU was organized February 14, 1934, through the help and encouragement of Mrs. Dallas Renegar. From the beginning the WMU participated in the giving of mission offerings and in the mission studies of home and foreign missions.

Some of the charter WMU members were: Mrs. B. B. Brandon, Mrs. Bessie Chamberlain, Mrs. Ina Grose, Mrs. Jessie Hanes, Mrs. Emma Joyner, Mrs. Ollie Sharpe, Mrs. Cleo Renegar, Mrs. T. G. Wallace, Mrs. Mary Joyner, Mrs. Dallas Renegar and Mrs. Vance Wooten.

In the late 1940's the Youth Organizations began with Sunbeams and then the GA's and RA's were added. The BYW was organized in the 80's.

In July 1946 the second circle of WMU began with Elizabeth Steelman as President and Mrs. Vance Wooten as President of Circle 1. However, this soon returned to one circle.

Some of the early WMU presidents were: Mrs. Vance Wooten, Mrs. Ralph Hanes, Mrs. Elizabeth Steelman, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mrs. Mary Joyner, Mrs. Irene Hutchens and Mrs. Nell Renegar. More recently the presidents were: Ann Wood, Nellie Renegar, and JoAnn White with the Directors being: Linda Wagoner, Mary Joyner and Ann Wood.

Our WMU had participated in the Associational WMU prayer retreats but in 1983 we had our own prayer retreat at the church. In 1984 the second prayer retreat was held at Rev. and Mrs. Paul Moore's mountain cabin.

The WMU has been a strong part of mission work in Sandy Springs Church. We are still striving to grow and to enlist others to help with this battle of the need at home and in the world.

Miss Catherine Anthony,
Historian

WMU History of Shady Grove Baptist Church

In 1954, the Women's Missionary Union was formed. The ladies of Shady Grove Baptist Church met Sunday evening, February 21, 1954, at the church, with Mrs. W. E. Brooks of Yadkinville as a guest speaker. The missionary society was organized. At the meeting, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Worth Brown, President, Mrs. Charles Jones, Vice President, and Mrs. Dennis Brown, Secretary-Treasurer.

The first Women's Missionary Union meeting was held on February 25, 1954, at the home of Mrs. Charles Jones. The meetings were usually held at member's homes. This Women's Missionary Union was involved in many activities which raised money to contribute to missions. The following is a list of the original members at the first meeting: Mrs. Claud Shore, Mrs. Worth Brown, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Marvin Smith, Mrs. Fred Misenheimer, Mrs. Rayford Oliver, Mrs. Curtis Davis, Mrs. Dumont Day, Mrs. Jim Misenheimer, Mrs. Hazel Poplin, Mrs. Herman Burcham, Mrs. Velma Wagoner, Miss Ann Groce, Mrs. Alfred Macemore, Mrs. Dennis Brown, Miss Amy Brown, Mrs. Marvin Kimmer, Mrs. Warren Hudson, Mrs. Bob Evans, Mrs. Bill Bryant, Mrs. R. L. Martin, Mrs. Ray Brown, Mrs. Ralph Winters, Mrs. Lawrence Stinson, Mrs. Paul Shore, Mrs. Allen Wagoner and Mrs. Silas Wagoner.

Mrs. Worth Brown served as President for twenty-four years. In 1978, Mrs. Hildon Vestal was elected President, the second in the Women's Missionary Union's history. Today the organization is divided into two groups, the Women's Missionary Union and the Young Baptist Women's Missionary Union. Both groups perform important tasks for the community. The Women's Missionary Union supports a ten-year old girl in Rwandu, Africa. Both groups contribute annually to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which helps foreign missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering which aids home missions.

Other mission groups at Shady Grove Baptist Church include the Girls in Action and the Royal Ambassadors, organized in 1981, and Mission Friends, organized in 1979. In 1985 the groups has 25 members with Mrs. Hildon Vestal as WMU Director.

Mrs. Marie Vestal, Historian

WMU History of South Oak Ridge Baptist Church
1938-1985

W.M.U. auxilary to S.B.C. was organized in Richmond, Virginia in 1888. W.M.U. of North Carolina was organized in 1886. The first Annual Session of W.M.U. of the Yadkin Baptist Association met at Boonville in 1913.

A woman's Missionary Society was organized at South Oak Ridge Baptist Church in November 1938. We had been organized just a few weeks, with 7 members, and our Lottie Moon offering was only $2.44.

The Annual Associational meeting was held at Flat Rock in June 1939. The guest speakers were a Chinese couple, Rev. and Mrs. C.K. Djong and Mrs. J.S. Farmer. Total offering for the year from all churches was $986.73. Mrs. P.N. Craver, Associational W.M.U. Superintendent, expressed a desire to see the total annual offerings reach $1,000.00. She resigned in 1944 and saw the offerings go beyon $2,000.00. Mrs Dallas Ronegar and Mrs. Craver taught our Mission Studies in those beginning years.

The purpose of all age-level organizations of W.M.U. is to study missions, engage in mission action and personal witnessing, and to support missions.

The daughters of W.M.S. members were still attending meetings with their mothers, so in October 1949 we organized G.A.'s. During that first year the G.A. membership was 19, 4 of whom became "Maidens". On March 4, 1962 our first G.A. Coronation service was held.

In 1953 we elected a Y.W.A leader. Some of the young marrieds in W.M.S. joined the Y.W.A., along with some older G.A.'s to institute this organization. During the years the women of W.M.S. bought white Bibles and W.Y.A. members presented them to brides-to-be in a beautiful cermony.

In 1955 we organized our first R.A. Chapter. We helped buy tents for them to use on their camping trips. We also helped to send some of these boys to R.A. Camp at Caswell. Three of these boys accepted Christ while at Caswell, and came home to present themselves for church membership.

In June 1955 we organized Sunbeams. In 1957 our Annie Armstrong offering was $100.83 and Lottie Moon offering was $200.00

In 1960 the Yadkin Baptist Associational Annual session met with us. During the year of 1961, our mission study chairman led us in getting books from the Round Table list. When all members finished reading these books, they were donated to our church library.

Again in 1965 the Y.B.A. Annual session met at South Oak Ridge. Mrs. Sam Mayo, missionary to migrants; Mrs. Earl C. James and Mrs. W.K. McGee, state W.M.U. president, were the guest speakers. Pages were used for the first time, and they were from Forbush Baptist Church.

Young Baptist Women's organization was begun in 1970. They sponsor an Easter egg hunt; a family at Christmas; Mother-Daughter G.A. Banquet; give $100.00 each year to send G.A. girls to Camp Mundo Vista. The last two years they have sponsored a church family supper on the first Sunday night in December for our Lottie Moon kick-off. We decorate our Christmas tree with monies for the foreign mission offering.

In the early 1970's we organized a Bible Study Group. Through the years from 1938 to 1985 we have: served meals for patients at the V.A. Hospital in Salisbury- made quilts for the needy- given poundings for the Directors of Missions in Yadkin Association- taken food to the homes of the sick or less fortunate- canned fruits and vegetables for Baptist Hospital and Orphanage- sent church bulletins to members in armed services and to college students- given birthday parties for patients at Yadkin Nursing Center- given gifts or cash to inmates at North Carolina Prison unit in Raleigh- provided health kits for migrants- given donations for a Spanish Migrant Chapel- provided red carnation for each new baby of our church family- given household showers for families in our community who have lost their homes by fire- taken one woman to grocery shop each week- served refreshments for our youth Christmas carolers- provided an annual meal for Ministerial associational meeting.

In 1984 we had a total membership of 68, with 6 organizations or groups. Our State Missions offering was $250.00- Home Missions was $1,353.00- Foreign Missions was $2,824.00.

FAITHFULNESS is a great thing! The progress of the Kingdom moves forward through individual's hearts and not by mass movement.

May our future leaders be wise, careful in plans, dedicated in Prayer and Bible Study and attempt to help win the world for Christ. May we pledge to help carry out the Great Commission of Jesus and really be "Laborers Together With God"!

South Side Ridge W.M.U. hasn't accomplished great things, but it does warm our hearts to think that we have had a little part in helping to lead people to know Christ. We have, in some ways, tried to relieve the distressed. May God lead us to grow in the years ahead!

Ila Reavis, Historian
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WMU History of Swaims Baptist Church
1984-1985

The Woman's Missionary Union of Swaims Baptist Church was organized, November 12, 1984, by Mrs. Page Shermer, Associational WMU Director and Mrs. Horace Dester, Associate Director. It was a very cold night but with much excitement when 18 ladies gathered at the church. This is the first Woman's Missionary Union to be organized in the history of the church. The church is over 150 years old.

The pastor, Rev. Mike Snelgrove saw a spark of light in these dear ladies and he began to encourage them to organize. As they talked and prayed, they saw the importance and a vision of missions. They immediately set a goal of $500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to answered prayer $1,060. A goal of $300 was set for the Annie Armstrong offering, the offering was $506.10.

Rev. Snelgrove has volunteered to go to Togo for a month as a preacher.

God is working in wondrous ways at Swaims Church. It took courage and faith to take a step. Our goal is to continue to reach out, to pray, to give and to send that Christ's love will be carried to the ends of the earth.

The first officers are: Director - Mrs. Ruby Swaim; Associate Director - Mrs. Thyra Wagoner; Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Velma Macemore; Co-Chairperson - Mrs. Betty Groce, Mrs. Loretta Snelgrove; Prayer Chairperson - Mrs. Ruby Nell Macemore; and Mission Action - Mrs. Gladys Newman.

Mrs. Ruby Swaim, Historian

WMU History of Union Grove Baptist Church

The WMU at Union Grove got its start in the early 1950's with help from Mrs. L. H. Todd. Mrs. Goldie Davis was one of the first Presidents. At the beginning, there was only one group of ladies but the group became too big and it was decided to begin having two groups. The names of the two groups at this time was the Maggie Reece Group and Valley Money Group. These two groups were named after two ladies in the church. Some of the ladies remember our church having Sunbeams in the mid to late 1950's. Some remember having GA's and YWA's in the early 1960's. Some of us remember having White Bible Ceremonies while we were in the YWA's before they became known as Acteens. In the middle 1970's, there were two groups of BYW's started with the help of Mrs. Violet Shore and Mrs. Sue Washburn. These groups became known as BYW I and BYW II.

Mrs. Maverine Hobson was a faithful leader of our GA's and kept it going in our church for many years. Mrs. Violet Shore was also a very important WMU worker in our church and also the association when she served as a WMU director in our church. Another lady who has been a faithful worker in the WMU is Mrs. Pauline Hobson who has been our Secretary and Treasurer for many years.

At this time in our church, our two BYW groups that were started in the 1970's have aged out of BYW and are now Baptist Women. We now have three active Baptist Women Groups in our church. They are: The Valley Money Group, the Violet Shore Group (named in Mrs. Shore's honor) and the Good News Group. We have one inactive group: the Maggie Reece Group. We also have an active Mission Friends, GA's and Acteens at Union Grove.

Mrs. Linda Matthews, Historian

WMU History of First Baptist Church of Yadkinville

To attempt to write the history of the WMU of First Baptist Church of Yadkinville is an overwhelming task. Most of the old records and minute books have been lost or misplaced; so the information given here has been mostly gleaned from the associational minutes on file in the office of the Director of Missions.

It is interesting to note that the earliest minutes on file from 1876 to 1899 were donated by Mr. Zack Ladd, who is a member of First Baptist Church of Yadkinville. They were given to him by his father, Thomas Frank Ladd, who received them from his uncle, Isaac Long.

The beginning of the WMS in the Yadkin Association may be said to be made at Union Grove Baptist Church at the Yadkin Baptist Associational meeting in 1912.

The Yadkinville WMS was organized in 1916 with Mrs. Mollie L. Shore (Ben), President, with 9 charter members: Mrs. Mollie L. Shore, President, Miss Ethel Shore, Mrs. M. W. Mackie, Miss Blanche Mackie, Mrs. W. Carter Williams, Mrs. Frank W. Hanes, Miss Hemans Kelly, Mrs. J. T. Reece, Miss Ina Shore, Sunbeam Leader.

Gifts to missions in 1916-1917: $1.20 state missions; $1.04 home missions; $2,85 foreign missions; $1.50 other; $6.59 total.

The Sunbeam Band was also organized in 1916 by Miss Ina Shore with 30 members reported. Gifts: $1.88 state mission; $8.74 all other gifts; $9.62 total.

This first report was taken from the 1917 minutes.

The 1918 report revealed: WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Martin. (Note: Mrs. Mollie L. Shore who was president in 1916-17 was now married to Mr. W. D. (Dan) Martin. She was the mother of Mrs. Ethel Shore Brumfield and Mr. Rossie Shore). Six members were reported. Gifts to missions in 1918: $5.25 home missions; $1.00 other; $6.25 total.

Sunbeam Leader - Mrs. Arthur L. Inscore. (Note: Since the last report, Miss Ina Shore had married Mr. Arthur L. Inscore. She was the mother of Mrs. Martha I Graham and Mrs. Jerry I. Hudspeth, members of the Yadkinville Baptist Church). The 1918 report did not show the number of members in the Sunbeam Band. Gifts: $1.30 state missions; $1.00 home missions; $1.00 foreign missions; $3.30 total.

1919 minutes: WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Martin; 6 members; $1.75 state missions. Sunbeams - Mrs. Arthur L. Inscore, leader. (No statistics).

1920 minutes: WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Martin (no statistics). Sunbeams - no report.

1921 minutes: No report.

1922 minutes - No report.

(I have come to realize the importance of regular and accurate reporting. How sad it is that we have so few records to tell us of the early WMU work).

1923 - Assistant Associational WMU Superintendent - Mrs. W. D. Martin. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. WMS - 18 members. Gifts: $3.00 undesignated. Mrs. J. T. Reece was a member of the Associational WMU Nominating Committee with Mrs. D. H. Craver of Boonville and Mrs. E. W. Turner for the 11th session of WMU.

1924 - Assistant Associational WMU Superintendent - Mrs. W. D. Martin. WMU President (Yadkinville) Mrs. J. T. Reece. 20 members. Gifts: $5.00 - $75 million campaign; $15.00 other; $20.00 total.

1925 - Reported to be the best year of progress in our history at the 13th annual associational WMU meeting held with Yadkinville Church on Friday, June 5, 1925, at 10:30 A.M. Societies represented were Yadkinville, Boonville, East Bend, Charity, Cross Roads and Sandy Springs. Mrs. Cora Caudle Cooper of Yadkinville and a former missionary to Africa, told of the wonderful progress of the WMU in Nigeria during the past six years. There was a song by the children of the Yadkinville Church with little Miss Mary Grace Hanes at the piano. (Polly Wood was in this group of Sunbeams). WMU President (Yadkinville) Mrs. W. D. Martin. 13 members. Gifts: $48.98 - $75 million campaign and all objects. Sunbeam leader - Miss Hemans Kelly. 25 members (no other statistics).

1926 - WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Martin. 10 members. Gifts: $42.00 all objects. No Sunbeam report. On Associational Nominating Committee; Mrs. W. D. Martin, Miss Hemans Kelly.

1927 - WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Martin. 12 members. Sunbeams (No leader given) - 12 members. Gifts $55.00 - total gifts to missions.

1928 - At the associational WMU meeting at Boonville on June 8, one of our members, Mrs. S. Carter Williams (mother of Attorney Lafayette Williams, a member of Yadkinville Baptist Church) responded to the welcome of Mrs. A. S. Speer of Boonville. Yadkinville was one of 5 societies reporting. (However, there were no statistical reports in the minutes). Among the associational officers for the new year, 1929, were two Yadkinville members: Assistant Superintendent - Mrs. W. D. Martin; Personal Service - Mrs. M. W. Mackie (mother of Mrs. Blanche M. Mackie and Jack Mackie, both of whom are members of the Yadkinville Church). As a small girl I remember attending WMS meeting with my mother, Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr. Later, I was a Sunbeam and recall visiting the residents at the Yadkin County home and doing other community missions projects.

1929 - The Associational WMU Meeting met with the Yadkinville Baptist Church, Wednesday, July 10, 1929, at 10:00 A.M. The welcome was given by Mrs. M. W. Mackie. Prayer was by Rev. D. E. Deaton, Pastor at Yadkinville. The following societies reported: Yadkinville, Boonville, Flat Rock and Jonesville. (No statistical reports were given in the minutes). A duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd," was sung by Mrs. R. S. Shore (Annie Pearl Dobbins) and her sister, Miss Rosalyn Dobbins, both members of the Yadkinville Baptist Church. A chorus was sung by Yadkinville boys and girls. Mrs. S. Carter Williams was a member of the time and place committee. She also gave a talk on "Stewardship of Life." Mrs. Frank W. Hanes was a member of the nominating committee. Elected to serve for the new year were two Yadkinville members: Associate Superintendent - Mrs. W. D. Martin; Young People's Leader - Miss Hemans Kelly.

1930 - Associational officers from Yadkinville: Superintendent - Mrs. W. D. Martin; Personal Service Chairman - Mrs. M. W. Mackie; Stewardship Chairman - Mrs. S. Carter Williams. By 1930, there were 28 churches in the Yadkin Baptist Association. There were four WMU organizations reported in 1929 with 85 members. By 1930, there were seven societies reported with 112 members. A total of $490.00 was given to missions by all societies. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. M. W. Mackie. 14 members. Gifts - $110.47. (With the assistance of Mrs. Blanche M. Mackie, the following list of these members has been compiled): Mrs. W. D. Martin, Mrs. S. Carter Williams, Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr., Mrs. Frank W. Hanes, Mrs. M. W. Mackie, President, Miss Blanche Mackie, Mrs. Ethel Shore Brumfield, Mrs. J. T. Reece, Miss Hemans Kelly, Mrs. Rossie Shore, Mrs. Avalon Hall, Mrs. Charlie Potts, Mrs. W. E. Dobbins, Mrs. Marler Sprinkle. Attending occasionally: Mrs. Janie Whitaker (daughter of Rev. Stanley May), Mrs. Daniel Zachary, Mrs. Ruth Macey Shermer, Mrs. J. W. Pass.

1931 - Report of the Annual WMU Meeting: Associate Superintendent - Mrs. W. D. Martin; Assoc. Personal Service Chairman - Mrs. M. W. Mackie. Mrs. Mackie gave the following report: "One of our strong points is personal service work. Our women have been diligent in the many activities for serving others. They have cheered the aged and lonely, fed the hungry, nursed the sick, and by their kindly ministrations have, in some cases, been the means of winning the lost to Christ." In spite of financial depression and many calls for assistance, the associational WMU contributions totaled $978.68. The Yadkinville WMU President was not listed, but there was 1 WMS and 1 Sunbeam Band with a total of 22 members in both organizations. The total enrolled in mission study was 10.

1932 - 1 WMS - 18 members; 1 Sunbeam Band - 10 members; 28 total enrollment.

1933 - No statistical report.

1934 - The annual associational WMU meeting was held with the Yadkinville Church on April 18, 1934. Ten churches reported having WMU. By this time, GA's had been organized and were reported for the first time in the 1934 minutes. Yadkinville reported: 1 WMS - 15 members; 1 GA; 1 Sunbeam Band. (No other report given as to officers, leaders or gifts to missions).

1935 - 10 of 26 churches in the association had WMU by this time. Members of Yadkinville WMS holding office were: Asst. Supt. - Mrs. Mollie L. Martin; Personal Service Chairman - Mrs. Sidney Jones. Yadkinville: 1 WMS - 20 members; 1 GA - 8 members; no Sunbeams reported. 2 persons were enrolled in Mission Study Class.

1936 - Some vital statistics pertinent to the Yadkinville WMU. Southern Baptists from time of organization in 1845 to 1936 - 4,389,417 members. North Carolina State WMU organized - 1886 - By 1936 there were 593,766 members. Three new WMU's were reported in the Yadkin Association in 1936, Deep Creek, Richmond Hill and Charity. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 1 WMS - 21 members; 1 GA - 15 members; 36 - total; no Sunbeam Band reported. Total gifts to missions - $65.26.

1937 - WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 1 WMS - 14 members; 1 GA - 15 members; 1 Sunbeam - 18 members; 47 - total. Gifts to missions - $87.75. Mrs. Sidney Jones was Chairman of the Associational Personal Service Committee.

1938 - Rev. R. L. West was elected as our new pastor to replace Rev. J. P. Davis. Mrs. J. T. Reece - President. 1 WMS - 17 members; 1 GA - 20 members; 37 - total; gifts to missions - $73.66. Through the years, most of the WMS meetings were held in homes of the members. These meetings not only fulfilled the need for studying about missions and doing community missions, but they were a social outlet, too. Some old minutes revealed the refreshments served by the hostess. Special music was also a feature of the meetings in many instances. The youth groups usually met at the church.

1939 - By this time there were 15 churches with a WMU organization in the association. The WMS of Yadkinville had been active during the years collecting money for the N. C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem which was opened to admit patients in 1923. In some old minutes, notations were made several times about the members of the WMS also having a linen shower to supply sheets, pillow cases and towels for the hospital. Another important project the WMS assumed was the furnishing of the new parsonage near the church. On September 9, 1939, the monthly meeting of the WMS was held at the new parsonage on Highway 601 near the church. Rev. and Mrs. R. L. West were the first occupants. Notations were made concerning carpet, draperies and other furnishings supplied by the WMS. The members prepared and served lunch for the Yadkinville Civitan Club for several years to raise money to carry out these projects. It was voted at the September meeting to reactivate Sunbeams under the leadership of Miss Augusta Reece, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Reece. The meetings were held at the church every 2nd Sunday at 2:30 P.M. WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 1 WMS - 19 members; 1 YWA - 13 members, 1 GA - 13 members; 45 - Total; Gifts to missions - $82.00.

1940 - WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. The ladies cleaned the church for the summer months to save the money to pay on the new parsonage. 1 WMU - 18 members; 2 GA's - 25 members; 1 Sunbeam - 8 members; 51 - total. Gifts to missions - $393.80.

1941 - Yadkinville WMU was reported as an A-1 organization for the past year. (Taken from the WMU report in the annual associational meeting). WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 1 WMS - 20 members; 2 GA's - 25 members; 1 Sunbeam - 10 members; 55 - total. Gifts to missions - $89.10.

1942 - At the March, 1942, meeting of the Mollie Martin Circle, Mrs. A. E. Hall reported that she had organized Junior and Intermediate GA's and asked for the prayers of all the women in that work. In this era there were 2 circles - the Mollie Martin Circle for the older women and the Lottie Moon Circle for the younger women. WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 1 WMS - 13 members; 2 GA's - 20 members; 1 Sunbeam - 8 members; 41 - total. Gifts to missions - $79.12.

1943 - Rev. W. T. Adams was our new pastor. The annual associational WMU meeting was held with the Yadkinville Baptist Church, May 26. Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr., gave the Foreign Missions report at the meeting of the Yadkin Baptist Association at North Oak Ridge Baptist Church, July 1, 1943. WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 1 WMS - 16 members; 1 GA - 20 members; 36 - total; gifts to missions - $148.75.

1944 - WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 1 WMS - 12 members; 1 GA - 16 members; 28 - total. Gifts to missions - $77.20.

1945 - Rev. E. W. McMurray was pastor of Yadkinville Baptist Church and Cross Roads Baptist Church at Courtney. Mrs. W. E. Dobbins was pianist for the Associational WMU. Mrs. Jones Todd was the Assistant Associational Young People's Leader. Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr., gave the Community Missions report at the Yadkin Baptist Associational meeting at the Island Ford Baptist Church. WMU President - Mrs. S. Carter Williams. 1 WMS - 15 members; gifts to missions - $42.15.

1946 - WMU President - Mrs. A. E. Hall. 1 WMU - 14 members; 1 YWA - 12 members; 1 GA - no report; 26 - total. Gifts to missions - $150.81. This year it was reported at the annual associational WMU meeting that there were 17 churches in the association having WMU. There were a total of 24 young people's organizations with a total enrollment of 502. Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr., conducted an associational-wide study "Talks on Soul Winning."

1947 - WMU President - Mrs. A. E. Hall. 1 WMS - 12 members; 1 YWA - 8 members; 1 GA - 11 members; 41 - total. Gifts to missions - $172.32.

1948 - Mrs. Raymond Madden was the Associational Mission Study leader. An associational-wide study course on "Guide to Community Missions" was conducted by Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr., Associational Community Missions Chairman. Mrs. E. W. McMurray, wife of our pastor, served for some time as Sunbeam Director and leader. She was also GA leader. Under her leadership, there was a beautiful coronation with a large number of girls being crowned Queen at the Yadkinville Baptist Church on May 1, 1948. Following this coronation, Mrs. J. T. Reece, WMU President, gave a lovely reception for the girls at her home. The following young ladies were crowned Queen on this occasion: Scottie Sue Adams, Gay Miller, Betty Ann Kiger, Jean Carol Adams, Velna Hall, Lydia Hall. WMU President - Mrs. A. E. Hall. 2 WMS - 26 members; 1 GA - 14 members; 1 Sunbeam - 20 members; 60 - total.

1949 - Mrs. W. E. Dobbins was pianist for the Yadkin Baptist Association for many years as well as an active member of the Yadkinville WMS. She was also church pianist and organist and was in charge of all music. It was reported that literature was supplied to the Black Church, Pleasant Grove. Treats were given to residents at the county home for Christmas. This was the year that we occupied our new church on Highway 601 moving from the old location where Northwestern Bank stands in 1985. WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 2 WMS - 42 members; 1 GA - 17 members; 2 Sunbeams - 40 members; 99 - total.

1950 - On October 6, 1950, the Annual Meeting of the Wilkesboro Divisional WMU meeting was held at the Yadkinville Baptist Church with 300 women attending. Mrs. E. C. James from Elkin was the Divisional Superintendent. (Mrs. W. E. Brooks was the Associational Superintendent). Mrs. E. W.McMurray gave the morning devotional. The afternoon devotional was by Mrs. Frank Walker and Mrs. O. O. Williamson. Mrs. W. E. Oobbins had charge of the music. Mrs. Frank Walker assisted Mrs. McMurray with GA's, encouraging the girls to work deligently on forward steps. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. J. T. Reece. 3 WMS - 43 members; 1 GA - 12 members; 1 RA - 9 members (first time ever reported); 1 Sunbeam - 22 members; 6 organizations - 86 total members.

1951 - The annual WMU meeting was held at the Yadkinville Baptist Church, September 23. Mrs. W. D. Brooks, Associational Superintendent, presided. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. E. W. McMurray. 2 WMS - 34 members; 1 GA - 6 members; 1 RA - 17 members; 1 Sunbeam - 29 members; 5 organizations - 86 total members.

1952 - Started having the Yadkin Baptist Association at two different churches this year (Island Ford and Flat Rock). Rev. Baxter Phillips was our new pastor from 1952 - 1954. Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr., Assoc. Community Missions Chairman, continues to stress soul winning. She led an Inter-racial Institute in Yadkinville, July 11, with Mrs. John Wacaster as guest speaker. Mrs. O. O. Williamson presented the memorial meditation at the 39th Annual Associational WMU meeting held at Boonville on May 1st. Mrs. Williamson was Associational Sunbeam Oirector as well as Oirector and leader in our church. On September 14, the associational WMU had its final conference of the year. Rev. Guy Cain, Associational Missionary, brought an inspiring message. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. Edwin Eaton. 2 WMS - 40 members; 1 Sunbeam - 30 members; 70 - total.

1953 - Mrs. Edwin C. Eaton, a member of the WMU at the Yadkinville Baptist Church, presented a gift of $270.85 for linen to Chaplain Barnard for the N. C. Baptist Hospital at the Associational Meeting at the Sandy Springs Baptist Church on April 16. This was the offering for the whole association. Mrs. D. D. Williamson, another member, gave the report on Foreign Missions. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Todd; 1 WMS - 39 members; 1 GA - 12 members; 1 RA - 12 members; 1 Sunbeam - 32 members; 95 - total.

1954 - Members of the Yadkinville WMU who were associational officers: Sunbeam leader - Mrs. D. D. Williamson; Literature Chairman - Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr.; Librarian - Mrs. Baxter Phillips, wife of our pastor who served from 1952-53. Mrs. J. T. Reece gave the memorial meditation at East Bend Baptist Church at the Associational WMU meeting on April 8. Mrs. C. E. Wallace (Martha) and Mrs. Jettie Shore died this year. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Todd. 1 WMS - 16 members; 1 GA - 9 members; 1 RA - 4 members; 1 Sunbeam - 9 members; 38 - total.

1955 - Rev. Roger R. Jackson began as new pastor. His wife, Kathaleen Jackson, was an active WMU member. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Todd. 2 WMS - 32 members; 2 GA's - 15 members; 2 Sunbeams - 26 members; 73 - total.

1956 - Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. William L. (Polly) Wood. 2 WMS - 38 members; 2 GA's - 17 members; 3 Sunbeams - 31 members; 86 - total.

1957 - Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. William L. (Polly) Wood. 2 WMS - 41 members; 2 GA's - 17 members; 2 Sunbeams - 28 members; 86 - total. Rev. L. Grady Burgiss came to serve as our associational missionary this year. His wife is a new WMS member.

1958 - Yadkinville Baptist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary this year. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Todd. 3 WMS - 44 members; 2 GA's - 17 members; 2 Sunbeams - 40 members; 101 - total.

1959 - The annual associational WMU meeting was held at the Yadkinville Baptist Church. There are still 8 churches in the association without a mission organization. Mrs. W. E. Brooks was Associational Superintendent. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. A. E. Hall. 2 WMS - 22 members; 2 GA's - 13 members; 4 Sunbeams - 32 members; 67 - total.

1960 - Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. A. E. Hall. 2 WMS - 23 members; 2 GA's - 18 members; 3 Sunbeams - 40 members; 81 - total.

1961 - Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. A. E. Hall. 1 WMS - 18 members; 2 GA's - 20 members; 3 Sunbeams - 41 members; 79 - total.

1962 - Mrs. D. D. Williamson was very active as an Associational Sunbeam Leader for many years as well as leader in the Yadkinville Baptist Church. She and her co-workers were responsible for associational Sunbeam Day Camp each summer. They were attended by large numbers of Sunbeams who enjoyed fun, fellowship and worship in the out-of-doors. There was always a missionary speaker with colorful decorations and favors depicting a particular country. Mrs. Williamson left this legacy to Mrs. Thomas L. Hanes when the Williamsons moved to North Wilkesboro in 1962. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. A. E. Hall. 1 WMS - 27 members; 2 GA's - 19 members; 6 Sunbeams - 49 members; 95 - total.

1963 - Associational WMU Officers from Yadkinville: Community Missions Chairman - Mrs. L. Grady Burgiss; GA Counselor - Mrs. Bill Rutledge. The 50th Anniversary of the Associational WMU was held at Boonville Baptist Church, April 23, 1963. The history of the associational WMU was presented by Mrs. Ethel Brumfield, giving "A Look at the Past - Our Own." Mrs. Laurence Todd and Mrs. Roland Legans - "Through the Years - Our Association." In 1963, there were still 7 churches in the association without a mission organization. Mrs. Roland Legans, Secretary, and Mrs. W. E. Brooks, President, resigned after serving as associational officers for 19 and 17 years, respectively. A gift of silver was presented to each of them on behalf of the association by Mrs. Kenneth Wilson, Vice President. Mrs. Laurence Todd was elected Secretary. Associational GA Mother-Daughter banquets were an annual occasion. On May 27, 1963, the banquet was held at the Yadkinville School Cafeteria with 175 attending. Mrs. Bill Rutledge and Mrs. William L. Wood, GA leaders at the Yadkinville Baptist Church from 1954-67 were partially responsible for this and other banquets. During these years, under their leadership, GA Coronations were held often with many girls participating in forward steps. This was a very important part of GA's at this time. Each girl advancing a forward step was recognized along with Queens and higher ranking participants. The highest rank achieved by any girl at the Yadkinville Baptist Church was Queen with a Septer received by Miss Sandra Williamson and Miss Diane Wood. Associational YWA banquets were also held annually usually with a missionary speaker. The Yadkinville Baptist Church had YWA groups from time to time, but not regularly. Royal Ambassadors were under the auspices of the WMU for many years until it was taken over by the Brotherhood. It was not always easy to find men to give of their time and effort to work with energetic young boys. Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr., served as RA leader at the Yadkinville Church for several years, and it was one of the joys of her life. 1963 Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. John Madison. 1 WMS; 2 GA's; 4 Sunbeams; 1 YWA; 8 organizations - total, but no report was given for number of members.

1964 - Associational WMU officers from Yadkinville: Community Missions Chairman - Mrs. L. Grady Burgiss; GA Counselor - Mrs. Bill Rutledge. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Todd. 1 WMS - 35 members; 2 GA's - 18 members; 4 Sunbeams - 30 members; 7 organizations - 83 total members.

1965 - Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Todd. 1 WMS - 23 members; 2 GA's - 23 members; 4 Sunbeams - 36 members; 7 organizations - 82 total members. Mrs. Ethel Brumfield, an active member and long time secretary of the Mollie L. Martin Circle, had 5 diplomas for completion of church study courses. Each diploma represented 20 books studied. She had a total of 108 books to her credit.

1966 - Associational WMU Leaders: Mrs. Bill Rutledge - Assistant GA Director. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. W. D. Todd. 1 WMS - 23 members; 2 GA's - 26 members; 2 Sunbeams - 30 members; 5 organizations - 79 total members.

1967 - Associational WMU Leaders: Mrs. Bill Rutledge - Assistant GA Director; Mrs. Max Welborn - Sunbeam Director; Mrs. W. D. Todd - member of nominating committee. Rev. J. C. Shore was chosen to serve as Associational Superintendent of Missions to replace Rev. L. Grady Burgiss who served from 1957 - 1966. The women of the association gave the Shore family a "pounding" and a new Amana home freezer. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. Carl Obenshain. 1 WMS - 18 members; 2 GA's - 24 members; 4 Sunbeams - 24 members; 7 organizations - 66 total members.

1968 - Mrs. Bill Rutledge was associational GA Director, and Girls' Auxiliary had a good year under her leadership. Several groups attended camp at Fruitland; others attended Caswell. The associational GA Mother-Daughter banquet was held at the Yadkinville School Cafeteria with 210 present from 14 churches. Mrs. Oren Bradley brought the inspirational message. Yadkinville WMU President - Mrs. Carl Obenshain. 1 WMS - 14 members; 2 GA's - 23 members; 6 Sunbeams - 42 members; 7 organizations - 79 total members.

1969 - Mrs. Max Welborn was the Assistant Associational Sunbeam Director. "WMS has a new look. Each church has a WMU Director. The WMS president leads the missionary society with mission groups instead of circles. Emphasis has been on mission action. 'Combating Moral Problems' was the theme of a mission action conference held at First Baptist Church of Yadkinville (also note name change) on January 26. A lawyer, minister, physician and a law enforcement officer served as a panel for the discussion." This was the year that the sanctuary was renovated extensively. The women of the church were very pleased with the new look. Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. J. E. Martin. 1 WMS - 12 members; 2 GA's - 12 members; 6 Sunbeams - 37 members; 1 YWA - 8 members; 10 organizations - 69 total members. Mrs. A. E. Hall died this year.

1970 - The minutes of the Yadkin Baptist Association were dedicated to Rev. Roger L. Jackson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Yadkinville for the past 15 years, and Rev. Joseph R. Surrett, pastor of Turners Creek Baptist Church, both of whom died during the year. Associational YWA Director was Mrs. Weldon Garrison. This year a new GA camp was opened at Mundo Vista near Asheboro, N. C. Many of our girls attended GA camp there. "The WMU was undergone major changes in structure in the past 2 years. Membership has dropped slightly due in large part to the increased number of women joining the labor forces. This does not mean the women are not interested in missions, as the offerings have grown steadily." (Since the death of our pastor, Rev. Roger R. Jackson in June, 1970, Dr. Carlton Mitchell, Professor of Religion at Wake Forest University, has been our interim pastor). Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr. 1 WMS - 14 members; 2 GA's - 17 members; 4 Sunbeams - 33 members; 1 YWA - 8 members; 8 organizations - 70 total members.

1971 - Some of our members attended the associational prayer retreat held at Silver Lake on property owned by Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Allgood near Deep Creek Baptist Church. This beautiful lake served as the setting for prayer retreats for several years. Rev. and Mrs. Allgood were parents of Mrs. Page Shermer, who has been an active member of Deep Creek WMU as well as an associational leader. Rev. Richard Eskew began his pastorate at First Baptist Church, August, 1971. His wife, Jane, became a very influential member of WMS and a leader in many areas. Mrs. M. W. Mackie and Mrs. Arthur L. Inscore (1st Sunbeam leader) died this year. WMU Director - Mrs. N. L. Hudspeth, Sr. 2 Mission Friends (change in name) - 12 members; 2 Girls in Action (change in name) - 17 members; 1 Acteens (a new organization) - 10 members; 1 Baptist Women (change in name) - 15 members; WMU Officers - 5 members; 59 - total. (The Yadkin Baptist Association Meeting was held at First Baptist Church of Yadkinville, Thursday, October 22, 1971, at 7:30 PM).

1972 - Mrs. Zack Ladd was Associational Director of Girls in Action. Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. J. B. Cranfill. 1 Mission Friends - 21 members; 1 Girls in Action - 27 members; 1 Acteens - 12 members; 1 Baptist Women - 20 members; WMU Officers - 3 members; 4 organizations - 83 total members.

1973 - Mrs. Rex Greene was a member of the Associational WMU nominating committee. Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. J. B. Cranfill. 1 Mission Friends - 15 members; 1 Girls in Action - 15 members; 1 Acteens - 25 members; 1 Baptist Women - 20 members; WMU Officers - 10; 4 organizations - 85 total members.

1974 - Mrs. J. B. Cranfill was Associational Baptist Women's Director. Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. Jack Dunford. 1 Mission Friends - 18 members; 1 Girls in Action - 56 members (several groups); 1 Acteens - 30 members; 1 Baptist Women - 16 members; WMU Officers - 3; 4 organizations - 123 total members.

1975 - The Yadkin Baptist Association minutes were dedicated to Rev. & Mrs. L. Grady Burgiss, former Associational Missionary and his wife, who was an active member of Yadkinville WMS for 10 years - 1957-1966. Our pastor, Rev. Richard Eslew, was moderator of the Association. Mrs. Page Shermer, our new Associational Director, began her first year of service. Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. Hazel Shore. 1 Mission Friends - 10 members; 2 Girls in Action - 19 members; 1 Acteens - 25 members; 1 Baptist Young Women (first time reported) - 6 members; 1 Baptist Women - 10 members; WMU officers - 3; 6 organizations - 73 total members. Mrs. E. C. Macey and Mrs. Hemans Kelly Shermer died during the year.

1976 - This was the Bicentennial Year of our nation. "The linen offering for the N. C. Baptist Hospital has been discontinued, and it was voted by the associational WMU to lend our support to the Mother's Day Offering taken by the churches in May to be sent to N. C. Baptist Hospital to help pay for charity patients. Ours was the last association in the state to discontinue this offering." Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. Hazel Shore. 2 Mission Friends - 13 members; 3 Girls in Action - 24 members; 1 Acteen - 7 members; 1 Baptist Women - 19 members; WMU Officers - 4; 7 organizations - 67 total members. Mrs. J. T. Reece and Mrs. Elizabeth Shugart died during the year.

1977 - The minutes of the Yadkin Baptist Association were dedicated to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Shore. He has been associational missionary for the past 11 years. Mrs. Shore has been very active in WMU, especially in the area of music. The associational meeting was held at Yadkinville Baptist Church on Friday, October 21, 1977. Mrs. William L. Wood presented the memorial meditation. Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. Hazel Shore. 2 Mission Friends - 13 members; 3 Girls in Action - 19 members; 1 Acteens - 10 members; 1 Baptist Women - 16 members; WMU officers - 8; 7 organizations - 66 total members.

1978 - The minutes were dedicated to Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Gentry, parents of Mrs. Charles Scott, an active member of the Yadkinville WMS, and Rev. Jack Gentry, missionary to Taiwan. Mr. Gentry served as associational treasurer from the early 1950's to 1978. Bold Missions Thrust has been the main emphasis this year. Our WMS contributed to the associational fund for Christmas gifts for the Women's Correctional Center in Raleigh. Yadkinville Baptist Church had a dedication service for the new Educational Building with Dr. Ralph Scales, President of Wake Forest University, as speaker. The women of the church played a big part in this service. WMU Director - Mrs. Hazel Shore. 1 Mission Friends - 12 members; 3 Girls in Action - 19 members; 1 Acteens - 7 members; 1 Baptist Women - 16 members; WMU officers - 6; 6 organizations - 60 total members. One of our WMS members, Mrs. William L. Wood, was ordained as the first woman deacon in the history of the church in October, 1978.

1979 - Rev. & Mrs. Clarence O. Vassar, our new Director of Missions, and his wife, Barbara, began their work this year. Barbara enjoys teaching study courses and participating in other phases of WMS. The women of the association presented the Vassars with a "pounding" as has been the custom for many years. Our members brought home canned fruits and vegetables and other items. Another of our WMS members, Mrs. Paul Brandon, was the second woman to be ordained as a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Yadkinville in October, 1979. WMU Director - Mrs. Hazel Shore. 1 Mission Friends - 14 members; 3 Girls in Action - 22 members; 1 Acteens - 8 members; 1 Baptist Women - 17 members; WMU officers - 6; 6 organizations - 67 total members. Mrs. Ethel Brumfield died during the year. It was in 1979 that the Baptist State Convention changed the method of receiving offerings. Prior to this year, 5 different offerings were taken: Christian Education (Father's Day), Children's Homes (Thanksgiving), N. C. Baptist Hospital (Mother's Day), Homes for the Aging (Valentine's Day), State Missions (September). Beginning this year there will only be one offering, called the N. C. State Missions Offering taken in September. It seems unrealistic to believe that the Baptists of North Carolina will contribute as much to one offering as they did to 5 offerings. The Associational WMU enrollment in 1978-79 was 1100 members, of which 74 were from the First Baptist Church of Yadkinville.

1980 - Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. Nancy Scott. 1 Mission Friends - 18 members; 2 Girls in Action - 18 members; 1 Acteens - 9 members; 1 Baptist Women - 21 members; WMU officers - 8; 5 organizations - 71 members. Mrs. Charlie Potts died this year.

1981 - Mrs. Phillip Graham, member of the Yadkinville WMS, has been the representative of the First Baptist Church of Yadkinville on the Executive Promotion Committee of the Yadkin Baptist Association for several years. Mrs. Richard Eskew and Mrs. Charles Scott have been members of the Media Center/Library Committee of the Association. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Eskew taught the Home Mission study course three times in the association. Mrs. Kathryn Dobbins Huggins died this year. WMU Director - Mrs. Charles Scott. 1 Mission Friends - 16 members; 3 Girls in Action - 20 members; 1 Acteens - 12 members; 1 Baptist Women - 21 members; WMU officers - 8; 6 organizations - 77 total members.

1982 - The Association asked each church to design and make its own church flag with the name of the church and date it was established. These flags were presented at the annual session of the WMU, April 27. The Acteens of the First Baptist Church of Yadkinville designed and made the flag depicting the associational WMU, but no flag was made for our church. Emphasis has been on Migrant Work this year. Members of the First Baptist Church of Yadkinville made several health kits for the migrants. 300 of these kits were given to migrants residing within our association. Our Baptist women have also contributed to the chapel fund for Spanish speaking people in our area. Mrs. William L. Wood presented the memorial meditation at the annual session of the Yadkin Baptist Association at South Oak Ridge Baptist Church on Friday, October 22. Mrs. W. E. Dobbins died this year. She was Director of Music for many years at First Baptist Church of Yadkinville. The WMS sponsors the clothing closet at the Yadkinville church, sharing with the needy in the community. We met our goal of $4,200 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. Charles Scott. 1 Mission Friends - 14 members; 1 Girls in Action - 15 members; 1 Acteens - 18 members; 1 Baptist Young Women - 7 members; 1 Baptist Women - 24 members; WMU Officers - 9; 5 organizations - 87 total members. A Baptist Young Women's group was organized through the efforts of Mrs. Hurley Johnson and Miss Mary Lambert, Director of the Children's Center at the First Baptist Church of Yadkinville. They had 7 charter members this year, who were: Carol Johnson, Mary Lambert, Dawn Smith, Sarah Mackie, Suzanne Heffner, Mona Ketner, and Edna Flores.

1983 - Several members of our group attended the Foreign Mission study, "Banglok, An Urban Arena" at Deep Creek Baptist Church. We also went to Boonville to the Home Mission study, "Sodbusters: Stories of Five Church Planters." Migrant work has been stressed again this year. Mrs. William L. Wood presented the memorial meditation at the 70th Annual WMU Session on May 1 at Sandy Springs Church. Again, our church met our goal of $4,200 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Mrs. Mona Brown Ketner, a member of Baptist Young Women, is church organist.

1984-85 - Yadkinville WMU Director - Mrs. Charles Scott. 1 Mission Friends (Ramona Trivette, Director) - 11 members; 1 Girls in Action (Margaret Hawkins, Director) - 19 members; 1 Acteens (Frances Johnson, Director; Teresa Miller, Leader) - 14 members; 1 Baptist Young Women (Dawn Smith, Director) - 8 members; 1 Baptist Women (Jane Eskew, Director) - 24 members; WMU officers - 7; 5 organizations - 83 total members. Mrs. Frances Johnson and Mrs. Dawn Smith have been Acteen leaders for many years. Mrs. Teresa Miller is now assisting them. In 1980 the Acteens made beautiful ceramic manger figures which they presented to the church to be used in the sanctuary at Christmas time. Leaders of other youth groups in 1984-85: Girls in Action: Dorothy Shore, Martha Hutchens, Vickie White, Betty Vestal; Missions Friends: Marie Pardue, Ramona Trivette. Yadkinville WMS has given love gifts to the Spanish Baptist Chapel fund, supplied health kits to the migrants, and contributed to the fund for Christmas gifts for Women's Correctional Center in Raleigh during the year. Several of our members attended the Foreign Mission Study, "Entering New Countries" taught by Rev. Dan Stanley, new pastor at Deep Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Stanley has served as Journeyman for two years in Africa, and he showed slides of his work in Ghana. Many members attended the 1984 Home Mission Study taught by our pastor, Rev. Richard Eskew, and his wife, Jane. The study was "We Spell Missions - A-M-E-R-I-C-A." It was especially interesting since they had been on their second Home Mission Tour, this one to the West Coast. They also taught our 1985 Home Mission Study at our church for the entire associational WMS. We exceeded our goal of $6,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year, and we are currently nearing our goal of $4,000 for Home Missions. One of the most exciting things to happen in our church in some time is the purchasing of a three octave set of 37 handbells. Mrs. John L. McKnight, Director of Music, and Mrs. Ellis Hamby, Pianist, as well as church secretary, direct the handbell choirs. Many of our Baptist Women, both young and old, participate in these choirs. There are also choirs for youth and children as well as adult choir members.

Our members also attended the Associational Prayer Retreat at Deep Creek Baptist Church. It was under the leadership of our Associational WMU Director, Mrs. Page Shermer, and Mrs. Clarence Vassar, wife of the Director of Missions. Mrs. Donice Harrod was our guest speaker. At the WMU Associational Leadership Conference and Workshop held September 17 at First Baptist Church of Yadkinville twenty churches were represented with 92 women in attendance.

1986 will be the centennial year of North Carolina WMU. Mrs. Louise Coram of Boonville Baptist Church is the Chairperson of the Centennial Committee for the Associational WMU. Mrs. William L. Wood is the chairperson for First Baptist Church of Yadkinville. We are making plans for a special presentation to be given at the annual meeting on May 6, 1985, at Courtney Baptist Church. Part of the program will be in the form of a fashion show depecting styles for the past 100 years. Yadkinville will have a model wearing clothes of the past 1940's.

East church is to write a history of its WMU; so that is the reason for all the research and effort to pull together some information which can now be kept on file. Hopefully, we will never allow ourselves to get so far behind in record keeping and that we will value old records, programs and any documents which will help us to appreciate our heritage. We must appreciate the efforts of those who have gone before us if we are to achieve our goals for the present and the future.

Mrs. Polly Wood, Historian

SEVENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

Rev. J. B. Gambell, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, stated in his address in 1919, "that in view of the members and ability of Southern Baptist and in view of the needs of the world at this hour, we suggest that in the organized work of this Convention, we undertake to raise no less than seventy-five million dollars in five years." Messengers accepted the challenge to give increased support for missionary, educational and benevolent work.

Up stepped the Women's Missionary Union to accept the responsibility of raising one-fifth of the seventy-five million dollars. Mrs. W. C. James of Richmond, Virginia, was WMU (SBC) President. She called the WMU leadership together to consider how to proceed. The women felt that a successful campaign depended on God's power. They started a 9:00 A.M. prayer hour. In addition WMU set aside a week of prayer. "Millions for the Master, millions of prayers, millions of souls, millions of dollars" was the slogan.

Leaders were elated when ninety-two million dollars were pledged during a six-month period. Then disaster struck in the form of an economic depression. The rural South was hit hard, the heart of the Southern Baptist Convention's strength. Only fifty-eight million dollars of the ninety-two million dollars pledged were received.

Was the program a failure? No. For the first time Southern Baptists felt they were experiencing a stewardship awakening. One-fourth of the churches started a unified budget. A new realization of the potential through cooperative planning and giving burst forth.

Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, Kentucky, Miss Kathleen Mallory serving as WMU SBC Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Berta K. Spooner, Oklahoma, Miss Laura Lee Patrick served with Mrs. James to promote the Seventy-Five Million Dollar campaign and the Cooperative Program.

A few months before her death, the ninety-year old Mrs. James stated, "My part in the beginning of the Cooperative Program was the most important thing I ever did. I'm proud to have had a share in its beginning. We would never have grown as we have without it. God led us to start this program. Tell Baptists to keep it going."

THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program was established by the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session in Memphis, Tennessee, in May of 1925. The Cooperative Program was based on the Seventy-Five Million Dollar Campaign.

There in only one Cooperative Program, but it has two parts, the State Convention part and the Southern Baptist part. The program is made up of all the things Baptist are doing together for the gospel. The cooperation is the partnership of people, churches, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention in active financial support of the program.

The Cooperative Program takes the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the millions and it brings blessings back to the people whose stewardship makes it possible.

It is more than a money plan. It is helping other people, and a bridge over which the churches travel to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

When the Cooperative Program was first started it faced a major test. Massive debt threathened to decimate denominational agencies. Creditors threatened legal action. A committee recommended strict controls and detailed budget preparation. So out of this emergency grew the Hundred Thousand Club.

In 1933 grew the Hundred Thousand Club, seeking 100,000 members who would pay one dollar a month beyond their regular gift. Up stepped the women. WMU pledged to reach one-third of the goal. And eventually the goal was met. It was through the sacrifice and hard work and praying, giving and going that has made WMU so strong and stedfast through the years.

GOD NEEDS WOMEN

God Needs Women--

Women who are humble with reserved pride
Women who are upright but not smugly so
Women who will speak their beliefs, but be peacemakers
Women who, in quest of truth, pause to weigh the issues;
Women who know the right and have courage to defend and promote it.

God Needs Women--

Women who believe in individual freedom, and cherish the rights of others
Women who participate in democracy, not merely mouth its tenets and make idle gestures,
Women who know the true value of liberty and guard it as a priceless treasure;
Women who will not tie price tags on liberty--for all.

God Needs Women--

Women who live in strong religious faith. not garbed in ostentatious theology, but women who walk with God as they walk among women;
Women whose passion is to be like Jesus;
Women who are not so busy pursuing secondary matters that they fail to live in companionship with God
Women who are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus, but have the "effrontery" to proclaim to their neighbors the Lamb of God who takes away all the sin of the world.
Women who serve joyously in the vineyard, gathering in God's harvest of souls;
Women who live to hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," and who know that life is fleeting and only God's eternal kingdom stands forever.

--George L. Bark

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